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Stand and deliver

Shannon gets federal award

By Jason White
Staff writer

Former East St. Louis Senior High School football coach Bob Shannon said he hopes the events of the past two years show the value of standing up for your beliefs.

Last week federal officials presented Shannon with the U.S. Attorney General Award for exposing corruption at East St. Louis Senior High School.

In March, former East Side athletic director Art May went to jail for two years for stealing at least \$90,000 from athletic funds. May also received a one-year sentence for fondling a female student.

"I hope somewhere down the road most of the wrongs in this community can be righted, and this this can be an example of a community coming together."

Bob Shannon



Bob Shannon, who already has seen his share of local honors, has now been honored at the national level. He has received the U.S. Attorney General Award.

Shannon said he hopes his experience can encourage others to reveal evidence of wrong-doing.

"Right is right and wrong is wrong," Shannon said. "You've got to stand up and speak out when you see it, no matter who's doing it."

"I hope somewhere down the road most of the wrongs in this community can be

righted, and this this can be an example of a community coming together... maybe this community can become whole again," he said.

U.S. Attorney W. Charles Grace presented the award, calling Shannon "a shining example of the power of one person to make a real difference."

"Although this award cannot restore the things you

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Candlelight walk rescheduled

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A candlelight walk to promote nonviolence has been rescheduled to May 1.

Turning Recreation and Excitement in New Directions, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, had originally planned for the walk and a program for April 17.

The walk and program will be the final event for TREND Awareness Month.

Sister Linda Hylla, a licensed clinical social worker with St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, said the walk would start at about 5 p.m. at Venice Grade School,

"What we're really going to focus on is the fact that nonviolence has a more persuasive impact on families than violence."

Sister Linda Hylla

licensed social worker

and go to St. Mary's Church, 1621 10th Street, Madison.

At 6:30 p.m., Kathy McGinnis of Parenting for Peace and

Justice will give a program on nonviolence.

"I'm hoping maybe we can get 100 people," Hylla said. "What we're really going to focus on is the fact that nonviolence has a more persuasive impact on families than violence."

Other events include a members-only workshop and a spring dance open to the public.

Both will take place April 24. The workshop, on creating safe relationships, will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Milonski Room at SEMC.

The program will be presented by a therapist with Behavioral Health System.

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Officials probe death at GC Steel

Edwardsville man dies in accident

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An Edwardsville man was killed when he was caught in machinery at Granite City Steel Sunday evening.

Samuel J. Burch, 46, of Edwardsville, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at 8:44 p.m., according to Madison County Coroner Dallas Burke. The cause of death was listed as massive trauma.

She said an autopsy was scheduled for later Monday.

"At this point there is nothing but speculation, which we don't want to do."

Bob Maxwell

GC Steel spokesman

Company officials said they are unsure exactly what happened.

"At approximately 8 p.m. Sunday, one of our supervisory employees on the blast furnace was working to help clear a

conveyor belt that carries material from the material handling yard to the blast furnace stock house," said company spokesman Bob Maxwell.

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False warning alarms residents

Granite City residents were warily watching the sky Tuesday morning when a wrong message on the city's emergency warning system sent out a tornado warning.

The city was conducting a normal tornado warning siren test at 10 a.m. Tuesday, when an actual warning message

was accidentally sent out.

"The test is the first Tuesday of every month," said Maj. Kip Pomeroy. "Normally it is at the beginning and end of the message that it is only a test."

However, residents were treated to a siren, then a voice announcing a tornado warning

and that everybody should take cover.

Pomeroy said the police department received numerous calls about the test.

"They called asking if it was for real or not," he said. "The wrong message was transmitted."

— Scott Cousins

Local man earns third star

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

As a political science major at the University of Illinois, former Madison resident David McIlvoy was required to take ROTC.

Looking back, he said it was the best thing that ever happened to him.

Profile

Lt. Gen. David W. McIlvoy, the son of Wendell and Martha McIlvoy of Granite City, was awarded his third star on April 1. Since March 12 he has served as vice commander of Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas.

AETC is responsible for recruiting and training of Air Force enlisted personnel and officers, including flight training.

It includes the Air University, Air Force Recruiting Service, 2nd Air Force and 19th Air Force. AETC has more than 43,000 active-duty and 13,400 civilian personnel, and is responsible for approximately 1,600 aircraft.

"It's a great job," McIlvoy said. "The training command is an exciting place to be."

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Lt. Gen. David W. McIlvoy, formerly of Madison, says his time in the Air Force has been "fascinating."

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New golf course set to open

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Area golfers will soon have a chance to play a round or two in the shadow of the Arch.

Gateway National Golf Links, an 18-hole course located on Highway 203 in Madison next to Gateway International Raceway, is set to open May 1.

"Everything is maturing nicely," said developer Tim Crowley.

The course will include a 7,000 square-foot clubhouse with a pro shop and full kitchen, and an outdoor pavilion, both under construction at this time.

"All those things are well along the way, everything is on schedule," he said. The course — touted by developers as being the "only true links-style golf course in the St. Louis metropolitan area" and the only public course in the region to feature bent grass fairways — was designed by Keith Foster.

One of the course's selling points is its close proximity to downtown St. Louis.

"The reception on both sides of the river has been really great," Crowley said.

"We have sold more than 3,000 advanced rounds, we're real pleased with that."

Earlier this year, the course had some trouble with deer on the greens, but Crowley said it is not a concern right now.

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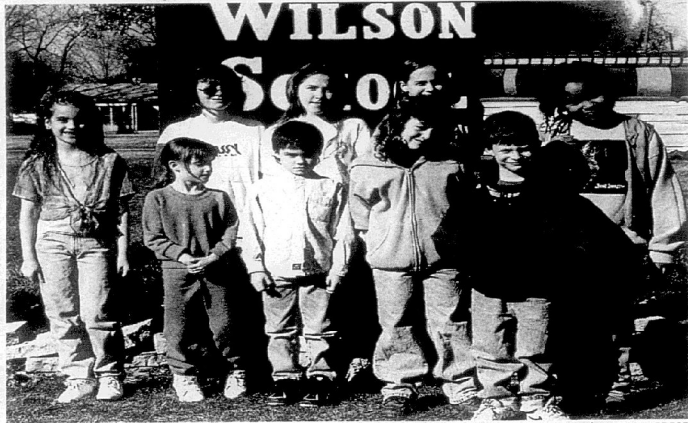
NEWS



Wilson School Geography Bee winners were, from left: Danielle Carr, first place; and Joseph Becherer, runner up.



Wilson School Spelling Bee winners were, from left: Heather Mayer, Amanda Poyner and Terra Cappel.



Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE

School awards

Wilson Elementary School in Granite City recently handed out awards for several school contests. At left are the winners of "Reflections," a writing contest held at the school. Winners include, front row from left: Kimberly Schinker, Natasha White, Larry White, Heather Mayer and Thomas Mayer. Top row: Terra Cappel, Ashley Martin, Megan Hankins and Jaquisha Johnson.

St. Elizabeth registration dates are scheduled for next week

St. Elizabeth Grade School will have school registration 6 to 8 p.m. April 22 for grades K through 4 and April 23 for grades 5 through 8.

If you are not able to register on your assigned day come

the other night. New students will need to bring a birth certificate and baptismal if it is not on file at St. Elizabeth Parish.

The \$80 book fee is due a the time of registration.



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Holbrook to hold office hours at township

State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, will be holding open office hours from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at Nameoki

Township Hall, 4250 Highway 162. Anybody can stop in to talk to Holbrook during this time.

Regular appointments can be made by calling 394-2211 in St. Clair County or 451-0200 in Madison County.

16 more houses targeted

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The city of Madison is continuing its aggressive campaign against derelict buildings.

On Sunday, the city published notices to demolish 16 buildings in the Granite City Press-Record/Journal.

The council was also expected to take action on five additional demolitions at Tuesday's meeting.

If successful, that would bring the total number of demolitions to about 50 in one year.

Mayor John Hamm said the notices published Sunday were for homes where the owners

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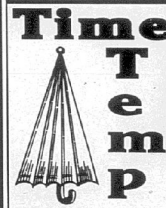
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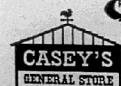
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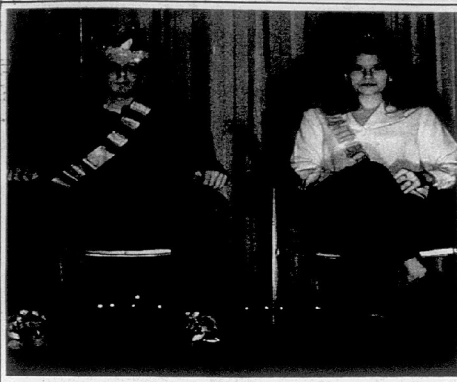
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Grace royalty

Grace Baptist Church's youth group recently held its fifth-annual Valentine Banquet. Andrew Ely and Janelle Hanks were selected by their friends as the Grace Baptist Church King and Queen for 1998. Ely is a sophomore at Granite City High School and the son of Terry and Lisa Ely of Granite City. Hanks is a junior at GCHS and the daughter of Mike and Millie Hanks of Granite City.

Women of Achievement to be honored May 6

Ten outstanding women who have contributed to the strength and health of the St. Louis area will be honored as 1998 Women of Achievement at a May 6 luncheon.

These exceptional women join 421 other Women of Achievement who have been honored since the program began in 1955.

The awards will be presented to the 1998 honorees during a noon luncheon May 6 at the St. Louis Ritz-Carlton. Reser-

ervations for luncheon tickets, \$25 per person, may be ordered by sending a check to:



Women of Achievement, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo., 63131. The deadline for reservations is April 24.

Seating will be a table of 10. For those wishing to sit together, reservations and payment for the group should be made at the same time. Those attending the luncheon on behalf of a particular honoree should also include the name of the honoree.

The 1998 Women of Achievement

ment are Mary Randolph Balinger, volunteerism; Lisa Baue, business and community; Charmaine S. Chapman, community betterment; Margaret Dagen, lifetime achievement; Karen Duffy, social responsibility; Barbara Eagleton, cultural enrichment; Joan Lipic, volunteer leadership; Dr. Grace Shen Lo, international awareness; Sister Mary Jean Ryan, civic responsibility; and Denise Wright, community service.

Blacks in Illinois focus of three-day conference

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

The importance of blacks in building Illinois will be the focus of a three-day conference at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The second annual "African Americans in the Land of Lincoln" from Wednesday to Friday will feature panel discussions, guest speakers, a luncheon and an award ceremony in the University Center.

"The conference was a real hit last year," said Shirley Portwood, a professor in the department of Historical Studies. "It's an attempt to let people in the area see the richness of African-American history within the state."

She said that many people

think of history as strictly the distant past, and many think of African-American history as a primarily Southern one.

Portwood said she will begin Wednesday's session at 10 a.m. with a discussion on the resistance many blacks met after moving to the River Bend. She'll focus on the Alton School Case of 1897-1908.

At 11:30 a.m., keynote speaker Preston Ewing, an education consultant with the National Center for the Educational Rights of Children, will discuss the struggle for freedom in the Southern Illinois city of Cairo, from 1967-73.

Also at this time, a video entitled "Go in to Chicago" will be presented.

Eugene Redmond, a profes-

sor of African-American Literature at SIUE and internationally renowned poet and writer, will discuss America's carry-over of African traditions.

Thursday will begin with a graduate-student panel discussion at 8 a.m. A panel discussion on "Chicago, Illinois and the Shaping of the Black Intellectual Tradition" will follow, led by the conference's founder, Sundiata K. Cha-Jua, a professor of Historical Studies at SIUE.

Reservations are needed for

the 12:15 p.m. luncheon in the Meridian Ballroom. An award will be presented for the Outstanding Graduate Paper on African Americans in Illinois History.

A 2 p.m. workshop will be followed by "Black Power, Resistance and Cultural Development in Northern Illinois."

Friday will feature discussions of local interest. "Edwardsville's African-American Heritage" will be led at 8:30 a.m. by Ellen Nore of SIUE.

Houses

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could not be found or are uncooperative.

In February, the council approved taking action against such owners. By posting a notice on the buildings and sending certified letters to the last known owners, the city may demolish it 30 days after the posting unless the owner goes to court.

"We sent out certified letters Thursday on Friday, and the clock started ticking Sunday," Hamm said.

Buildings to be demolished under that program include: 1007 Madison Ave., 1715 Colinsville Ave., 1601-03 Fourth St., 1213 Rhodes, 1636 Second St., 920 Jefferson, 1914 Elizabeth, 1436 Second St., 1508 Third St., 1724 Fifth St., 920 Grand, 1227 Madison, 1100 Madison, 1652 Third St., and 1413 Third.

The other five will be han-

dled by resolution at Tuesday's meeting. Hamm said in those cases the owners have agreed to allow the city to demolish the homes.

He said that would probably be the end of most of the demolitions.

"Hopefully, our new home building project will come in behind it," he added.

Madison city officials have been considering the use of Madison County Community Development funds to build "spec" homes in the city, which would then be purchased by residents.

By encouraging new home building and ownership, officials want to improve the housing stock in the city.

Hamm said city officials are looking at two or three sites for the first house and that they have to look at proposed housing specs.

The folks at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church wish the people of Granite City a blessed Easter!

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NEWS

OBITUARIES

Dan Polette

DAN O. POLETTE, 92, of Madison died at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. He was born May 11, 1905, in Madison.

Mr. Polette retired from NESCO. He was of the Protestant faith and a member of the 7th Engineer Battalion Retirees.

Survivors include two sisters, Helen Polette of Madison and Margaret Polette of Fairview Heights; and one niece, Marian Peters of Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Margaret (Oster) Polette.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens in Glen Carbon.

Thomas Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Richard Shafer Sr., 45, of Granite City died Sunday, April 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. He was born Oct. 30, 1952, in Granite City.

Mr. Shafer was a salesman for True Green Chemicals, a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his father, Ed Shafer; his son, Richard Shafer Jr.

of Smithton; four brothers, Sam Shafer and Ronald Shafer, both of Pontoon Beach; Ivan Shafer of Carthage, Mo.; and Fred Shafer of Bushnell, Fla.; and one sister, Annabel McElroy of Alton.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Beatrice (Griffin) Shafer. Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, at Werner Chapel, with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Methodist.

Belvia Walton

BELVIA (QUALLS) WALTON, 94, of Granite City, formerly of Fairview Heights, died Sunday, April 5, 1998, at Caseyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born April 17, 1903, in Ava.

Mrs. Walton was a homemaker and a member of Third Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her two sons, Carvel Walton of Caseyville and Robert Walton; two daughters, Alma Byrnes of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Alma Millsap of Granite City; one sister, Freda Hoffman of Belleville; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carvel Walton; her

parents, Henry and Cora (Fischer) Qualls; one son, Edward Walton; one sister, Nell Cartwright; and five brothers, Clifton, Floyd, Maltie, Howard and Roy Qualls.

Services were Tuesday, April 7, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Rob Barkman officiating. Burial was in Valhalla Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Ronald Grzesk

RONALD GRZESK, 61, of Collinsville died Friday, April 3, 1998, at Oliver Anderson Hospital. He was born Nov. 11, 1936, in Deluth, Minn.

Mr. Grzesk retired from the U.S. Air Force as a captain and navigator, and he was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville, Knights of Columbus Council 1098 and Washington University Alumni. He was awarded the distinguished flying crest three times.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine (Nemeth) Grzesk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Bernice (Walters) Grzesk.

Services were Tuesday, April 7, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Liebler officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Granite City Animal Shelter or the Miracle Flights.

Richard Ambuehl

RICHARD E. AMBUEHL, 57, of Granite City died at 2:16 p.m. April 4, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Ambuehl was born Dec. 13, 1940, in Edwardsville. He was a truck driver for Air Products in Granite City and a U.S. Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra (Stafford) Ambuehl; his two daughters, Tammy Joy of Granite City and Tracy Haefner of Moore, Okla.; one brother, Adelbert "Sonny" Ambuehl of Granite City; step-mother, Nell Ambuehl of Granite City

and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adelbert and Doris Mae (Schmidt) Ambuehl.

Services are 11 a.m. today, April 8, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Donors Choice.

Dorothy Michniewicz

DOROTHY E. MICHNIEWICZ, 75, of San Leandro, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died April 4, 1998, at her residence.

Mrs. Michniewicz was born March 25, 1923, in Granite City. She was

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Mill

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Burch, who had worked for the company for 28 years, somehow became caught between the belt and the conveyor's structure, Maxwell said.

He added the conveyor was not powered at the time, and although Burch was alone, he was in

radio contact with other employees. Maxwell said they were unsure exactly what happened.

"The investigation is going on," Maxwell said. "At this point there is nothing but speculation, which we don't want to do."

The Granite City Fire Department responded to the accident, but the victim was already dead when firefighters arrived.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Irwin Chapel.

Walk

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The dance — for ages 13 to 17 — will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at Kettler Gym. The cost is \$2, but those attending the workshop will be admitted free.

TREND was started in St. Louis in 1987 by a group of adolescents and the National Council on Alcoholism and

Drug Abuse.

A local chapter sponsored by SEMC was started in the Tri-City area last year, and includes students from the Granite City, Venice and Madison school districts.

For information, call 798-3971.

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9 a.m. - 12:50 p.m., daily, April 14 to May 8, register in lobby.

Centerville City Hall, 5800 Bond Ave.
11 a.m. - 2:50 p.m., daily, April 14 to May 8, register in lobby.

Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road
9 a.m. - 12:50 p.m., daily, April 14 to May 8, register in cafeteria.

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SPORTS

Deaths

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retired from Oak Knoll Naval Hospital as a Medical Clerk.
Survivors include her husband, Edward Michniewicz; one daughter, Dorothy Andrews of Fairfield, Calif.; three sons, Gary Skinner of

Redwood, Calif.; Eric Skinner of Corvallis, Ore., and John Skinner of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Roberta Huff and Jenny Waugh, both of Granite City; three brothers, Jack Scarborough, Ronald Scarborough and Dean Scarborough of

Granite City; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Services were Tuesday, April 7, at Rockville Chapel in Suisun, Calif., with the Rev. Gretchen Shilts officiating. Burial was at Rockville Cemetery in Suisun, Calif.

Memorials may be made out to the Diabetes Society of Solano County.
Fairfield Funeral Home in Fairfield, Calif., handled the arrangements.

Golf

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"We had to put roping and some fencing around the greens," he said.
"I don't know where they moved too, but they seemed to move off the site."
In addition to the golf course and raceway, other developers are looking at the area.
"There's a lot going on there," Crowley said.
"Our plans are to develop and open the golf course."

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McIlvoy

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In his career with the Air Force, McIlvoy has flown more than 5,000 hours — most of it in B-52 bombers — has commanded two bomb wings, and participated in nuclear and chemical weapons treaty negotiations.
A graduate of Assumption High School in East St. Louis, he grew up in Madison.
He was commissioned in June 1966, after earning a bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Illinois.
"ROTC was mandatory for all freshman and sophomore males, that's how I really got interested in the Air Force," he said. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me."
"It wasn't one of these life-long things, it just sort of happened," he said. "So I was very lucky."
He has more than 5,000 hours in B-52, B-1, KC-135 and KC-10 aircraft, and flew B-52 combat missions over North Vietnam during the Linebacker II raids over Hanoi and Haiphong in 1972.
He has also commanded a B-52 squadron, a B-52/KC-135/KC-10 group and two bomber wings.
McIlvoy served as a staff

officer at Headquarters Air Force Military Personnel Center; military assistant to the secretary of the Air Force; deputy director for international negotiations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff; deputy director for politico-military affairs for the Joint Chiefs of Staff; director of military personnel policy, U.S. Air Force; director of personnel programs, U.S. Air Force; and director of strategic planning.
In his job, he has been able to travel all around the world, including China, India, Pakistan, Israel, and the Persian Gulf.
"It has been a pretty fascinating job," he said.
When he was first commissioned, McIlvoy said he had no idea he would get this far.
"I certainly didn't," he said. "I think most of us, after we're commissioned, are not really sure we're going to make it a career."
"I certainly never expected to get this far. I've enjoyed what I've been doing."
He and his wife, Leanna, have two children — Keith, a U.S. Air Force Captain and fighter pilot, and Melissa, an investment banking analyst in New York City.

Shannon

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have lost, it can and does stand for what you did not lose: your integrity, your pride and your professional character," Grace wrote in a commendation letter.
Grace also announced the formation of the Southern Illinois Corruption and Public Integrity Task Force, which

includes the U.S. Attorney's office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Illinois State Police, the Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service.
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Time to plan ahead for changing '98 tax laws

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You may be able to claim a tax credit of \$400 for each of your qualifying children under the age of 17. It might be a good idea for you to fill out a new Form W-4 and give it to your employer so you can get part of that credit in your pay check instead of waiting until next year.

More detailed information on this and other changes I am going to discuss can be found in our Publications 553, "Highlights of 1997 Tax Changes." This publication is available free by calling 1-800-829-3676.

A number of educational benefits also become available in 1998. These include:

- The Hope Scholarship credit will let people claim a credit up to \$1,500 a year for a qualified student's first two years of post-secondary education expenses. This amount is based on 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of tuition and fees (not books) and 50 percent of the next \$1,000.

Available after June 1998, the Lifetime Learning credit lets people claim 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of post-secondary education expenses each year. The education includes graduate courses and any training to get or improve job skills.

Dependents and married persons filing separate returns can't claim either credit. Both credits might be claimed in one tax year, but not for expenses related to the same year. For example, qualifying parents might claim the Lifetime Learning credit for their own educational expenses and the Hope Scholarship credit for their child's second year.

in college.

In addition to these new credits, people will be able to deduct interest paid after 1997 on higher-education loans. The maximum deduction is \$1,000 in 1998, increasing \$500 a year until it reaches \$2,500 in 2001. People can take the deduction for interest paid on education loans for themselves, their spouse or dependents, but only for the first 60 months of loan payments.

Beginning in 1998, the adjusted gross income (AGI) used to phase out the EITC is changed. People will add to their AGI tax-exempt interest, nontaxable distributions from pensions and IRAs, and 75 percent of net losses from businesses (up from 50 percent). Beginning in 1998, you will not have to make estimated tax payments if you expect to owe less than \$1,000 on your taxes. This is up from \$500 in previous years.

Starting in 1998, the estate tax exclusion will increase to \$625,000, up from \$600,000. It will step up to \$650,000 in 1999 and keep on climbing until it tops off at \$1 million in 2006. Each amount is the maximum value of an estate that's tax free for that year.

Special estate tax treatment applies to qualified family-owned businesses when the family owned business inter-

ests comprise more than 50 percent of the value of the estate. For 1998, the new provision excludes up to \$675,000 of value in qualified family-owned business interests from a decedent's taxable estate.

Other provisions kick in for 1999 tax planning. Inflation adjustments will be made for the \$10,000 annual gift tax exclusion, for the \$750,000 ceiling for the alternate valuation of farmland, the \$1 million generation-skipping transfer tax exemption, and the \$1 million eligible for the low-interest rate for extended payments on

a closely held business.

Although I covered the new individual retirement and educational benefits that became effective this year in a previous column, I would like to touch on them briefly again.

The "Roth IRA" features nondeductible contributions, with tax-free distributions if they begin at least five years after the initial contribution and you are at least 59½, or disabled, or a beneficiary, or the proceeds are used for a first-time home purchase.

If you have an AGI under \$100,000 you can roll over a

non-Roth IRA into a Roth IRA. You will have to pay tax as though they had withdrawn the funds, but there is no early withdrawal penalty. If the rollover takes place in 1998, the taxable amount is spread out over four years. That is, one-quarter of the taxable rollover is included in income in 1998, 1999, and so on. Married couples filing separate returns can't roll over into a Roth IRA.

The "Education IRA" is not a retirement savings vehicle, but one used to pay for qual-

ified higher education expenses of a designated beneficiary. It features nondeductible contributions up to \$500 a year per beneficiary, with no tax on the earnings when used for higher education expenses. The beneficiary must be under age 18 when the contribution is made.

For people who want to tap into their non-Roth IRAs to help pay for qualified higher education expenses, they are allowed to do so. And first-time home buyers can withdraw up to \$10,000 from their IRAs.

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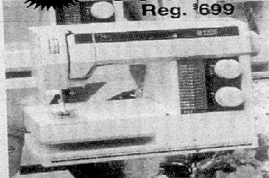
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BUSINESS

High-rollers' demands can be sound guidelines

It's a common misconception that wealthy people are treated with more respect. A recent study in the financial publication *On Wall Street* found that only 26.7 percent of the \$79 affluent investors interviewed were very satisfied with their investment professionals. Looking at it another way, about three-fourths weren't too happy.

What does it take to satisfy the high-net-worth investor? The article identified seven service factors, excluding technical competence and investment performance, that significantly influenced client satisfaction.

The Competence Factor. Big-money investors want evidence

of technical prowess. For example, they expect clippings and reprints of articles relating to their investments. They want their financial specialists to attend seminars and lectures to learn the latest thinking in the investment world. They want demonstrated competence, not empty boasting.

The No-surprise Factor. Affluent investors understand the market inevitably fluctuates. They want to be told right away if something is wrong. More important, they want to know what's being done to respond to the situation.

The Hustle Factor. The affluent want to think they're special. The most satisfied clients think of their financial profes-



Jeff Prosser

sionals as perfectionists. They hustle, and they get things right the first time.

The Warmth Factor. This isn't about radiating a warm, fuzzy feeling. It's about being emotionally attuned and empathetic. It means understanding another person's situation and being able to listen and summarize the central theme of a conversation.

The First-to-know Factor. Satisfied clients are those who are kept up-to-date. They want to hear about events that affect, or could affect, their

portfolios. They want to hear it first from their brokers.

The Listening Factor. The most satisfied wealthy clients say their financial professionals also never show impatience. The focus should be on the client's agenda, and the only way to do that effectively is to listen.

The Client-centered Factor. Affluent clients believe their needs are unique. They want customized, individually tailored solutions. Satisfied clients say their investment rep-

resentatives interact with them, reinforcing this feeling of uniqueness.

Regardless of the size of your portfolio, your money is important to you. Any financial professional who accepts your business should be committed to offering you the best service possible.

These seven service factors are an excellent checklist to test your current professional or help you select a new one.

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George receives realtor award

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Edwardsville firm that bears her name. In addition to secretary of the GGAR, she also chairs its education committee, serves on the grievance committee and teaches continuing education.

Her professional designations include Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager, Certified Residential Specialist, Graduate of the Realtor Institute and Accredited Buyer Representative.

She is a lifetime member of the multimillion-dollar club for sales excellence. In 1996 and 1997, the St. Louis Business Journal named

George as one of the top realtors in the Metro East. She has also authored continuing education courses and taught for the Illinois Association of Realtors and the Graduate Realtor Institute. She also serves the IAR on the education working group and the professional standards committee.

She has served on the risk reduction subcommittee on the National Association of Realtors, and she spoke about agency at NAR's 1996 national convention.

George is a native of Granite City, and a graduate of Granite City High School.

She is the daughter of Shirley Henderson and the late Edward Henderson of Granite City. She and her husband, John, have a daughter, Sarah. The family resides at Holiday Shores.

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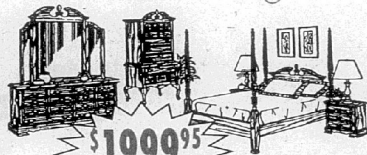


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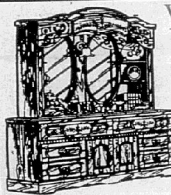


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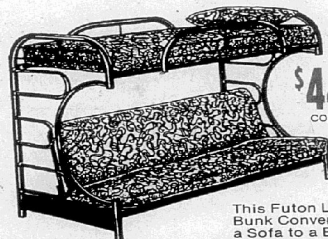
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Art Voellinger

Lake View High gets its students moving to class

Sometimes I use the sports world to solve real world problems....

Recently, at an O'Fallon Township High School meeting, the topic of now and future hallway crowding was discussed. Book bags, as you might imagine, have become more than a back problem.

My solution to the congestion? Make the hallways mimic a NASCAR speedway equipped with lights in the shape of flags—green for go, yellow for caution and red for stop.

Staying to the right would be required, but the center of hallways would become passing lanes for persons without book bags. Turns would be prohibited as well as pit stops for such things as exchanging notes.

Students entering classes on time would earn praise via checkered flags that would appear once they were in their assigned seats.

Sound silly? Consider then a solution for crowded hallways and tardiness at Lake View High School near Chicago.

No, administrators at that school of 1,200 enrollment have not resorted to "Drivers Start Your Engines" over the public address system. What they have done is pump the Chicago Bulls theme song over the school's PA system—nine times a day.

Enter Lake View at 7:44 a.m. or just about every hour thereafter, and you are bound to be caught in a traffic flow unlike anything Michael Jordan or his Bulls' mates have experienced.

"Tardiness has decreased," said Lake View principal Scott Feaman of the pop strains of the Alan Parsons Project and their song "Sirius" that normally is heard during lineup introductions at Bulls' home games.

"The music has been a strong signal to get moving and is a very effective prompt," said Feaman....

I've avoided passing these ideas along to folks at O'Fallon High as well as suggesting to Lake View that I have preferences to Da Bulls when it comes to "moving."

Put a book bag on my back and give me limited time to get from class to class, and I'd much prefer the University of Michigan's "Hall to the Victors Valiant" or Notre Dame's way of waking up the echoes with "Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame."

Footnote

I really do not care who sings "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," during the seventh-inning stretch of Chicago Cubs games—whether it's Harry Caray's widow Dutchie or grandson Chip.

But I do think the Tribune Corp., as the owner of the Cubs, is very concerned about making up for the financial loss related to Harry. You see, last spring Chicago economists estimated Harry and his singing worth \$1 million in concessions profits due to the number of fans who hung around to eat and drink while awaiting the song.

Overtime

Congrats to five area scholar-athletes who will be recognized April 27 at the fifth annual Illinois High School Association all-state academic team recognition banquet in Bloomington.

Selected to the first team were Chris Norbet of Belleville West, and John Livengood of Waterloo. Honorable mention choices are Nicole Bohnenstiel of Lebanon, Jill Donjon of Waterloo, Gibault, and Nathan Tritsch of Triad.

Tigerettes settle for second again

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

In the final season of East St. Louis Lincoln's storied sports history, the young Tigerettes seem determined to go out in style.

Lincoln, which finished second to Wilmette Loyola Academy at last month's Class AA girls state basketball tournament, placed second Saturday at the sixth annual Jackie Joyner-Kersey East St. Louis Relays.

Indianapolis Pike won the all-girls event, edging the Tigerettes 84½-82 for the top spot. It was the third straight year Lincoln finished second.

"I thought it was a very good effort by all of the girls who participated today," said Lincoln coach Nino Fennoy. "They all listened to what Jackie (Joyner-Kersey) said about ignoring the elements and giving it their best effort."

Joyner-Kersey officially opened the

relays at an 11 a.m. ceremony. Prior to that, at approximately 8 a.m., there were the traditional elementary and ninth-grade events, as well as varsity field events and preliminary track events. Finals began near noon.

Joyner-Kersey also hosted the athletes Friday night in a motivational session at Lincoln.

Two-time defending JJK Relays champion Chicago Morgan Park finished a distant third with 50 points. Gary (Ind.) Lew Wallace placed fourth with 51 points. East St. Louis and O'Fallon tied for ninth.

In the most exciting event of the day, Pike's Rodneysha Walker and Lincoln's Elvira Williams were neck-and-neck with 50 meters remaining in the 400-meter relay. In a pulsating finish, Walker outspurred Williams and reached the finish first. Pike also won the long jump and the shot put on their

way to Saturday's title.

The Tigerettes' top performances came in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

In the 800, Latricia Singleton, Nikkya Moore, Nikki Brown and Sherita Butler ran a 1:46.54—a state-qualifying time in beating their nearest rivals by nearly two seconds.

In the 1,600, Moore, Williams, Katria Lampley and Elisha Wright won a close race as Moore, running the anchor leg, just nipped Springfield Southeast's Kewanna Levy at the finish line.

All in all, it was a good day for the Tigerettes. But there is room for improvement, according to Fennoy.

"It's still early, and we've got some things to work out yet, like the baton exchanges on the relays," Fennoy said. "There are three levels as far as I'm concerned, and right now we're near the top of level two, which is good. We'd like to be at that outstanding level

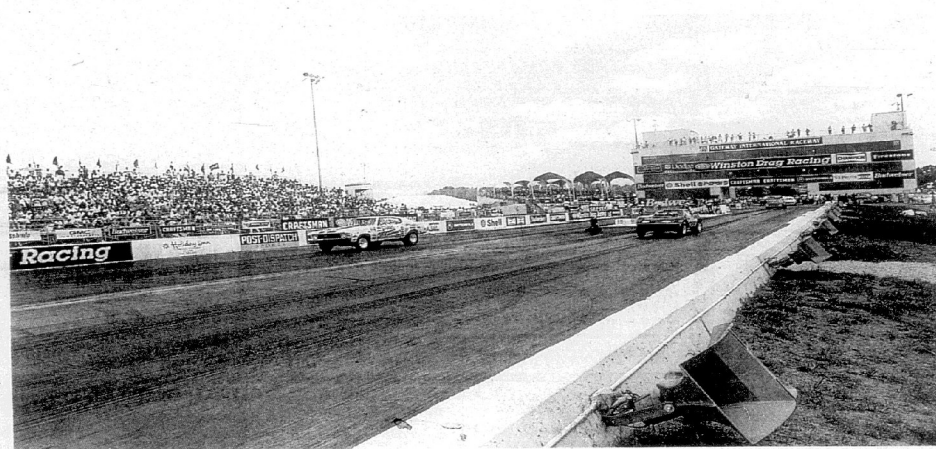
by the end of the season."

On Friday, Joyner-Kersey delivered a moving motivational speech to several hundred high school athletes. Joyner-Kersey, arguably the world's greatest athlete and a two-time Olympic pentathlon champion, was joined by her husband, track coach Bob Kersey, and world class hurdler and sprinter Gail Devers.

"I want you to listen to me when I say this," Joyner-Kersey urged the athletes. "You are student-athletes. Give it your all in the classroom, the same way you do on the track. Not all of us have the ability to earn an athletic scholarship, but you all have the ability to go to college, if you work hard in the classroom."

Bob Kersey hit the same theme. "Athletically, academically or whatever you are doing in life, the thing to remember is always work hard and give it your best effort."

Teams will test track for Motorola 300



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

The Gateway International Raceway is preparing for another busy year of racing, including the first event of the inaugural season of the National Street Car Association.

NSCA will open campaign at Gateway

Special to the Journal

The National Street Car Association will kick off its inaugural season at Gateway International Raceway on April 24-26 with the first annual "Gateway Showdown."

The NSCA was created when Peterson Publishing Company and Hot Rod Magazine took sole possession of the National Muscle Car Association. The main difference between the two clubs is that the NMCA has changed its original format from eighth-mile to quarter-mile racing.

NSCA plans a six-event schedule in the 1998, and seeks to expand to eight events by 1999. The NSCA, based in suburban Columbus, Ohio, wants to develop its 11 racing classes and have them grow so each division can support itself on its reputation while holding its nostalgic features.

"We want to develop a race organiza-

tion to put good races and good racers together for good facilities and good people," said NSCA President Frank Sheffield.

The new organization also seeks camaraderie between racers and the respect of fans and drivers to make drag racing more interesting.

"Racing is supposed to be fun, both for the drivers and the fans," Sheffield explained.

The NSCA is sponsored by Drag Racing Monthly magazine, and all six of its events will be shown on ESPN2.

Though the organization has only been accepting applications since Dec. 8, Sheffield said the NSCA already has 1,800 members signed up, and expects more applications before the Gateway event.

Top drivers will divide a purse of nearly \$400,000 spread over six events, which

also include stops in Atlanta, Richmond (Va.), Bowling Green (Ky.), Mid-Michigan and Columbus where the NSCA's World Championships will be held.

The NSCA's tech offices are in Louisville, Ky., with Travis Miller heading that department. Among the name drivers expected for the NSCA Inaugural are Pro Street drivers Ricky Carlos and Leo Barnaby, and Outlaw Street stars Rod Saboury and Russ Conline. Charlie Carpenter's Pro-Mod Bullet '55 is also expected to make an appearance.

In addition to the NSCA races, Gateway will hold its regular Friday night program on April 24, and its Saturday night Sears Craftsman E.T. Bracket Series classes on Saturday, April 26.

Tickets for the event are only \$10 per day for spectators. For more information, call Gateway at 618-482-2400.

Special to the Journal

The time grows shorter and list list grows longer for CART/FedEx Championship Series teams coming to Gateway International Raceway to get in some crucial test time before the Motorola 300 on May 23.

No less than 10 CART teams are set to hold workouts on the 1.5-mile oval in a 12-day period. It all starts April 15-17 with three days of testing planned by Goodyear, which scored one of its 1997 victories in the inaugural Motorola 300 when Paul Tracy took the checkered flag.

Tracy's replacement in Marlboro/Ford Penske's second car, Andre Ribeiro of Brazil, is anticipated to be one of the drivers who will test at Gateway during that period, along with teammate Al Unser Jr.

Both Newman-Haas drivers, Michael Andretti and Christian Fittipaldi, will also spend time at the Madison track. Gil de Ferran, a third-place finisher at Gateway last year, is expected along with the Walker Racing team. And Dan Gurney's All-American Racers will have both its drivers, P.J. Jones and Alex Barron, at Gateway for testing.

That's only the beginning. On Saturday, April 18, Pac West driver Mauricio Gugelmin of Brazil will test his car, and his Pac West teammate, Motorola car driver Mark Blundell of Great Britain, will be on track on Sunday.

April 19 Also that day, St. Louis-based Hogan Racing and driver J.J. Lehto of Finland will start two days of tests prior to their hometown race.

On Monday, April 20, Arciero-Wells Racing, with Max Papis of Italy and newcomer Robby Gordon, will begin a planned three-day session at Gateway in their Toyota-powered machines prior to that weekend's CART/FedEx Championship race, the Bosch Spark Plugs Grand Prix at Nazareth, Pa.

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St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall will induct 20 members

The St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame's 25th annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at the St. Louis Marriott Hotel at the Airport.

Information about the banquet and tickets may be obtained by calling Al Grosch at 631-9795. Tickets are \$35 each.

A special celebration is planned in honor of the Hall's 25th Anniversary.

For the third time, the Hall of Fame will present the Rising Star Award, a special honor to the high school player of the year for 1997. The winner will be selected from a group of five candidates.

Hank Greifzu is the chairman of the screening committee that selects the inductees for the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

In 1998, the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame will induct 20 new members: 16 players, three contributors and one umpire.

Here is a short synopsis of the honorees' baseball careers:

outfielder on the Dick Arnold Memorial team that won the 1951 Muny Championship. He played center field for St. Stephen's in 1946 and received an offer from the New York Giants to play in their farm system. Bieg was with Zenhoester Furs in 1947 when he received an offer from the St. Louis Browns. During World War II, Bieg played service ball in the Navy. He wrapped up his baseball career in 1952 with the Southside Advertisers.

James E. Dix (64) — Dix was a left-handed first baseman-outfielder who played minor league baseball from 1965 to 1971 in the New York Mets and the Montreal Expos farm systems. Dix began his baseball career in 1962 with the Santa Cruz Saints, a Knights of Columbus team. Like his brother Tom, James Dix played for the Collinsville Ironworkers in 1961 and Kutis in 1962. Both teams won the Dan Johnson League Championship. Dix played center field for St. Louis University from 1962-65 and helped SLU to the College World Series in 1965. From 1973-85, Dix coached baseball at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and in 1993-94 he was the baseball coach at St. Zumwalt South High School.

Prep player to be honored

By Mark McColl
Correspondent

If the selections for the finalists of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame's "Rising Stars" award are any indication, the baseball coaches in the metropolitan St. Louis area appear to be pretty good judges of talent.

In the first two years the award has been in existence, 10 players were selected as finalists for the award based on nominations by the coaches. Every one of those players now is playing baseball



Lutz Hutton in college or the minor leagues.

"We've had some very good players chosen," said Jerry Vickery, who directs

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August A Bieg (74) — Bieg was a right-handed

(See BASEBALL, Page 3B)

SPORTS

Momentum teams win top honors

The Belleville Momentum Volleyball Club's select 14-and-under team won the Belmo Blitz 14 tournament, March 28 at Emge School in Belleville. Momentum defeated St. Louis VBC in the championship match.

Members of the Momentum 14 squad are Tara Altmanberger, Hilary Bennett, Ashley Clapp, Lauren Hasenstab, Alicia Herzing, Jackie Morrison, Katelyn Panzau, Jennifer Spilman and Kelsey Warning. The coach is Rena Zenzarosa.

The Momentum 16-and-under select team won the Belmo Blitz 16 tournament, March 29 at Emge School. The squad defeated Kirkwood VBC in the title match.

Members of the Momentum 16s squad are Christina Archibald, Kim Carpenter, Beth Huddall, Kendra Lanson, Kelly Matysik, Erin Noble, Peggy Rasp and Kim Woolsey. Lynn Crawley is the head coach.

Softball leagues

Openings are still available in the following summer softball leagues sponsored by the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department:

- Co-rec leagues at Citizen's Park (play begins week of April 20). Games on Wednesday or Friday; league fee is \$375 for 14 games plus playoffs.

- Women's leagues at Laderman Park (play begins week of April 20). Games on Monday; league fee is \$375 for 14 games plus playoffs.

- ASA girls fastpitch leagues at Laderman Park (play begins week of May 18). Games will be played Monday through Thursday; age divisions are 12-and-under, 14-and-under and 16-and-under. League fee is \$575 for a 14-game season.

For more information, call 233-1416.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Little Knights news

The Little Knights Football Club is conducting its first mouse racing event, 7 p.m. April 18 in the Catholic War Veterans building on Illinois 159 (four miles south of Illinois 15). The cost is \$10 per person and includes beer, soda and snacks. There will be a seven-race card.

The Little Knights Football Club will sponsor a three-man scramble golf tournament on Friday, April 24, at Yorktown Golf Course in Belleville. Cost is \$75 per team and includes refreshments and golfing fees. For more information, call Glen Stone at 277-3010 or Angelo Alvarez at 624-8754.

Rangers win

The Metro F.C. Rangers under-15 boys team defeated Viasystems 3-2 on March 26 in Metropolitan (St. Louis) Soccer League action. The victory improved Metro's record to 2-2-1. Among those scoring goals for the Rangers were Matt Walksler, Dylan Bechtold and Lee Zarzecki (Collinsville). Assists were recorded by Luke Kraemalmeyer (Edwardsville), who recorded two, and Walksler.

5K fun-run/walk

A non-competitive 5-kilometer fun-run walk for adults and children of all ages is set for May 17. The event will be hosted by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville. The registration deadline is April 15; cost is \$8. For information, call Mary Sachtleben at 345-6807.

Cardinals Team of the Week



Tournament champs — The Game Face 2000 volleyball team won first place in the Gold Division at the Bluegrass National Pre-Qualifier, March 14-15 in Lexington, Ky. Members of the team (from left to right): In front — Stacy Sieben, Jodi Hentscher, Amanda Jackson, Lindy Bunte, Tricia Reinhold; Second row — Emily Scannell, Lauren Timmerman, Cindy McPeak, Suzanne Gundlach; In back — coaches Eileen Westfall and Sue Merker.

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the Rising Stars program for the Hall. "There's been some talented kids who have been up for the award."

This year is no exception. In fact, the talent pool from which to choose the finalists from has dramatically increased. For the first time, players from Illinois are now eligible for the award.

"We basically doubled our participation from the previous year," Vickery said. "We received responses from 163 schools, where as the previous year we had 83."

Of those responses, five finalists were chosen based on the number of votes each received. The five finalists for this year's award, based on a player's performance in 1997, include Ben Hutton of Edwardsville, Ken Lutz of Collinsville, Alvin Morrow of Kirkwood (Mo.), Mick Weiss of Francis Howell North in St. Charles County (Mo.) and Nick Wilfong of Francis Howell in St. Charles County (Mo.).

The Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame will choose the winner of the award from those five players. This year's recipient will be announced at the Hall of Fame Banquet, which is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 18 at the Airport Marriott. Past winners of the award are Justin Buck of Parkway North in 1996 and Jon Lewis of Herculaneum in 1997.

The nominating process began with a mailing to area high school coaches asking for nominations. Each coach was asked to list from Nos. 1-5 the top five players in the area, with a first place vote being worth five points, a second place worth four and so on. The votes were tabulated and the five finalists are selected based on the number of votes each received.

Here is the closer look at the accomplishments of this year's finalists:

Ben Hutton, Edwardsville — Now a senior, Hutton has been virtually unhit in his first three years of high school ball. Through his junior year, Hutton

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— Jerry Vickery

was 28-4 with a 0.91 ERA. He was 13-1 in 1997. In addition to pitching well, Hutton is good in the classroom as well, ranking 11th in his class with a 4.8 grade point average.

Ken Lutz, Collinsville — Lutz, a junior, is a double threat. At the plate, the first baseman hit .505 with 11 home runs and 47 RBI in 1997. As a pitcher, he was 8-2 with a 1.52 ERA in his sophomore year.

Alvin Morrow, Kirkwood — After weighing his decisions between college football and baseball (at Florida State), Morrow decided to enter the professional ranks in 1997 and is playing minor league ball in the Milwaukee Brewers organization. As a senior at Kirkwood last year, Morrow batted .552 with 14 home runs and 47 RBIs and was the Suburban West Conference Player of the Year.

Mick Weiss, Francis Howell North — As a junior, Weiss hit .435 with two home runs and 33 RBIs. His RBI total set a Francis Howell North school record.

Nick Wilfong, Francis Howell — The Gateway Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Wilfong hit .456 with 29 RBI with a school-record nine triples. As a freshman, Wilfong is starting at the University of Missouri.

Each finalist will receive a plaque, and the winner's name will be added to plaques which are on display at the Hall of Fame at Busch Stadium and Matthews-Dickey Boys Club among other places.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained by calling Al Grosch at 631-9795.

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The St. Louis Gateway Classic Sports Foundation is proud to present the fourth annual St. Louis Gateway Classic/President Casino on the Admiral Golf Tournament on May 29 at the Grand Marais Golf Course-Frank Holton State Park in Centerville, Illinois.

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A. **3**

Q. Who was the 1997 late model champion at I-55 Raceway?

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A. **4**

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Thomas J. Dix (55) — The brother of James Dix, Thomas Dix was a shortstop who played in the Minnesota Twins farm system in 1964 and in the Chicago White Sox organization in 1965-66. Dix began his baseball career in 1954 with the Hillside Area Boys Club and he played at Normandy High School and for the Cecil Ritchie American Legion Post 212 team from 1958-60. He played at St. Louis University from 1961-64 and was team captain. He was inducted into the SLU Hall of Fame in 1994. Dix wrapped up his baseball career in 1967 with the semi-pro Red Villars. Dix coached at SLU for five seasons and was an American Legion coach for 15 years. He is currently the baseball coach at Kirkwood High School and has been on the Board of Directors of the Ballwin Athletic Association for 17 years.

Thomas J. Eckelman (55) — Eckelman was a right-handed pitcher who signed a professional contract with the Cincinnati Reds in 1965. He began his baseball career in 1955 at Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School in the CYC league. He also played for the Waterson Boys Club in 1957-58, and from 1957-60 he pitched for St. Louis University High School. From 1961-64 Eckelman starred at Washington University and from 1963-72 he played for the Red Villars, L & P Sales, the Lemay Advertisers and the Philadelphia Phillies. In 1957-58, Eckelman was a member of the Lehigh Valley Leagues.

Robert F. Foster (58) — An all-star catcher, Foster was considered a prospect by the St. Louis Cardinals, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Philadelphia Phillies. In 1955-56 he caught for Normandy High School and the Cecil Ritchie American Legion Post 212 team. Foster played for Mallory Buick from 1956-60 and his team won the Ban Johnson League Championship in 1957. From 1957-60, he played at Washington University, helping the Bears to a City Club Championship in 1960. In later years, Foster was active as a coach at Golf-Mo. American Legion Post 19 in Brentwood.

William B. Green, Jr. (51) — Green was an infielder for the Cardinals-Dickey Knights from 1958-79 and his team made it to the NBC Tournament in 1979. He played three years at Soldan High School from 1960-64 and received a baseball and football scholarship to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg. He was the CMSU Most Valuable Player in 1965 and Green was drafted by the Houston Astros in 1966. Green was the baseball coach at Rittsburg High School from 1970-76 and also coached in the Tandy League. He's been a coach since 1961 in the Matthews-Dickey Boys Club since 1985.

Al Hedrick (64) — From 1957-62 Hedrick was a semi-pro baseball player, which won the Muncy Championship in 1957 and '58. He played a Great High School and won the Missouri State Championship there in 1961. Hedrick played service baseball at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas in 1954 and he played three seasons in the Maine Maine Semi-Pro League. He was with Ceresia in

1963, Sid Mutual Brake Service in 1964 and the Red Villars in 1965. Hedrick was a good hitter and fielder.

Thomas P. McCormack (63) — A left-handed pitcher, McCormack signed a professional contract with the St. Louis Browns in 1953 and played minor league baseball in the Browns and Baltimore Orioles organizations. He played high school baseball at Mercy High School from 1949-52 and was a member of the Red Villars and Kullis North semi-pro teams. He began his baseball career in 1944 with Southwest Ironworks. McCormack hit over 300 for every amateur team played with and has also made a name for himself as a baseball scout with the Atlanta Braves, the Montreal Expos and the St. Louis Cardinals. Since 1983, he's been the full-time scouting supervisor for the Cardinals.

Leslie J. Mitkos, Sr. (74) — Mitkos was a left-handed pitcher and first baseman-outfielder who played at Jennings High School from 1934-35. In 1942, he played minor league baseball in the St. Louis Cardinals farm system. After serving in the Army during World War II, he was employed at Monsanto Company and played for its baseball team from 1946-57 helping the team to several championships.

Frank Robinson (53) — From 1950-51, Robinson played short stop at Summer High School and he was an infielder for the Matthews-Dickey Knights from 1957-62. The Knights were Cool Papa Bell League champions from 1957-79 and also won the championship with an undefeated season in 1975. The Knights were Tandy League champs from 1950-82. Robinson has coached baseball at Matthews-Dickey for many years and presently conducts the Matthews-Dickey Umpire School. He has been Director Emeritus of the Matthews-Dickey Boys Club since 1970.

Barry Shelton (52) — From 1950-52, Shelton was a third baseman at O'Fallon Technical High School. He was an outfielder for Matthews-Dickey Knights from 1962-62 and was on the team that went to the 1973 NBC Tournament. In 1965, Shelton drove the winning run in the final game of the Muncy Championship Series. Shelton was the American League baseball coach for five years and was on the Board of Directors at the Matthews-Dickey Boys Club from 1971-94.

Warren Stecher (77) — Stecher began his baseball career in 1937 as a third baseman on the Stockham Post team that was the American Legion City Championship. In 1938 he played third base for Cleveland High School and was a pitcher for the Union Printers in 1940. Stecher served in the Navy during the World War II and was a catcher for the Cardinals in Brisbane, Australia and Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. From 1948-55, Stecher pitched for the Granite City Sunday Morning Athletic Club helping the team to many championships.

Charles "Chuck" Stimas (67) — Stimas was a catcher for many St. Louis teams from 1943-58. He started at McKinley High School

from 1946-49 and was a member of the Big Four Chevrolet team that went undefeated and won the City Intermediate Muncy Championship in 1948. Stimas played minor league baseball in 1950 before joining the Army where he played for Second Armored Division team in Germany. In 1958, Stimas played on the Red Villa Senior Team that won the Metropolitan Amateur Baseball Championship. During his 16-year baseball career, his lowest batting average was .340 and his highest .441. In later years, Stimas was a CYC coach.

Ed Turek (74) — Turek was a right-handed first baseman on the Dick Arnold Memorial Team that won the 1951 Muncy Championship. In 1941-42, he played first base at McKinley High School and he played in the Muncy League from 1946-52. Turek played service baseball in the Army during World War II and had a lifetime batting average over .300. He was a baseball coach at St. Mary Magdalene for many years.

James L. Wilson (62) — An aggressive, good-fielding second baseman, Wilson could also hit for power. After graduating from McBride High School in 1939, Wilson signed with the New York Yankees and played in their farm system until 1955 when he was drafted into the Army. Wilson played service baseball at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and in Europe. In 1957, he was a member of the 7th Army team that made it to the European final in 1958. Wilson joined the Columbus, Ohio, farm team of the Pittsburgh Pirates, but returned to St. Louis after suffering a serious arm injury.

Terry R. Yochum (51) — Yochum is still active as a pitcher for the Colorado Sox in Denver. He pitched for High School from 1952-55 and he hurled for the Flex-O-Lite team in the St. Louis County League from 1959-69. In 1973-76 Yochum pitched for the Naperville Red Birds in the Chicago Semi-Pro League and was named the leagues Most Valuable Player in 1973. In 1977 he returned to Louisville and was a member of the Louisville Cardinals. He also played in the Carondelet Sunday Morning League.

CONTRIBUTORS

Gene McArtor (57) — McArtor was the head baseball coach at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1935 until serving as an assistant at the school from 1969-73. He was also head baseball coach at the University of Missouri from 1963-67 and he played for Webster Groves High School from 1956-58. McArtor won numerous championships during his 21 years at Mizzou including six NCAA Regional Championship teams and two conference championship teams. Twice he was named Coach of the Year. McArtor was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993.

Tilmon Olive (68) — In 1956-57, Olive was a catcher for Davidson in the St. Louis County League and from 1974-76 he was a manager for Giesler-Jordan, which won the Missouri State Tournament and the Midwest Regional in 1975. Olive was a manager for McBride and Sons in 1977, the year his team finished 11th in the nation at the NBC Tournament.

Billy Joe Richardson, Sr. (60) — In 20 years as a baseball manager, Richardson's teams won 517 games and lost only 217. After playing at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, he was offered a minor league contract by the Philadelphia Phillies. Richardson was a Khoury League manager for 10 years from 1967-77 and he became manager of the Maryland Heights Post 213 American Legion team in 1978. He remained with Maryland Heights until 1988. Richardson was a baseball administrator for several years in the 9th and 10th District of American Legion and was the baseball coach at East Central Junior College in 1989.

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Edward H. Osiek (89) — Osiek was an active member of the Greater St. Louis Association of Umpires for 57 years. During that time, he umpired in the CYC, Khoury, County and Eastern Missouri Leagues. He also worked high school, college, semi-pro and American Legion games. Osiek officiated baseball games in St. Louis, Missouri, and southern Illinois. In 1992, he was inducted in the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

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The Illinois Warriors from Granite City won the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association championship in their first year of competition in the league.

Warriors honored in program

Granite City's Illinois Warriors hockey club, of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association, is the latest local hockey team to be recognized in the Suburban Journals partnership with the St. Louis Blues.

The program honors local youth hockey teams each Wednesday in the *Journal*, and also recognizes outstanding teams from throughout the St. Louis area at Kiel Center when the St. Louis Blues are playing at home. Each team will have its picture printed in the *Journal* and receives tickets to an upcoming Blues game.

The Illinois Warriors, a first-year entry in the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association (which is comprised primarily of Metro East clubs), rolled to the Southern Conference crown and went on to sweep through the playoffs, defeating Edwardsville 4-0 in the league championship game.



Nice on ice

The Granite City Amateur Hockey Association Steelers 1997-98 Mite House Vipers team has had a successful winter season. Members of the team pictured above are (from left to right): In front — Andrew Crites, Zach Lowe, Keenan Hobick, Cameron Bradley, Alex Tremper, Chris McClellan, Derek Basler; Second row — Nick Ringering, Joseph Shaw, Jeremy Kirby, David Bednera, Daniel Emerick; In back — head coach Matt Bednera, assistant coach Dana Emerick.

Hockey club forms for Metro East players

Two local hockey coaches have announced the formation of a new junior team in the Metro East.

Joe Lebrzyk and Larry Thatcher are seeking approval from USA Hockey to form the Illinois Thunder, which will be comprised of past and present Class AAA and AA and high school teams. The squad will play at the both the new facility in Fairview Heights (scheduled to open this spring) and the East Alton Ice Rink.

"The forming of a new junior team in the Metro East will offer good players in this area a chance to continue their hockey careers beyond that which is currently available," Lebrzyk said. "We are awaiting more information from USA Hockey to see if they suggest Junior B or C. If Junior C, we would expect to move up to Junior B within two years. Either way, we are bound and determined to form this team to help expand interest in hockey in this area."

"We are in the process of forming a new board of directors and seeking major sponsors. Team tryouts will probably be sometime in June or July and will be open as well as by invitation."

"We have formed a select team made up of top local high school players and have participated in tournaments in Detroit and Chicago the last two years, experiencing above-

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average results. We feel confident the level of play in the Metro East will help make us very competitive."

Lebrzyk and Thatcher are currently members of the board of directors and coaches of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association and between them have more than 35 years of hockey experience. For more information regarding player participation or sponsorship, call Lebrzyk at 234-1741.

Bowling tourney

American Legion baseball team Post 58 will hold a three-game Scotch doubles bowling tournament on Friday, April 24 at Bel-Air Bowl in Belleville. Check-in is at 9 p.m. and bowling begins at 9:30. The price is \$20 per couple. There will be a 50/50 raffle and attendance prizes. Food will be available until 11 p.m. For reservations, call 476-1075 or 397-0237.

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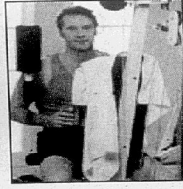
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Manual's Williams wins Mr. Basketball award

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

In a vote that stumped the experts, Peoria Manual's 6-foot-4 All-American point guard Frank Williams was named Illinois' Mr. Basketball on Sunday.

Williams, who averaged 23 points, eight rebounds, six assists and four steals for a team that ran a five-guard offense and was ranked second in the state most of the season, was considered by most high school hoops experts to be too

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laid-back to capture the award.

Yet Williams, whose court presence and knowledge of the game were unrivaled by any single player in the state, perhaps in America, was the clear choice for the honor in state-wide balloting of coaches and media in a year brimming with more deserving candidates than ever before.

Madison's Maurice Baker, who is considered the best player in either class south of

Peoria, made a serious run at the award, as did another small school athlete, Shawn Jeppson of Class A runner-up Spring Valley Hall. But, in the end, nobody could challenge the big boys, the Prairie State's "Fab Five."

Trailing Williams in the voting were fellow All-Americans Corey Maggette of Oak Park Fenwick and Quentin Richardson of Class AA state champion Chicago Whitney Young. Joey Range of Galesburg and Michael Wright of Chicago

Farragut were close behind. Richardson, considered the flashiest of the top five and the favorite to win the prestigious award, and Maggette, considered the most talented player in the state, took a back seat to the cool, calm Williams, who carried an entire basketball team — and the pressure of a possible fifth straight state title — on his shoulders.

It was the second straight Mr. Basketball award won by a Peoria Manual player. Last year, Sergio McClain, now at the University of Illinois, was the winner.

"I'm a big fan of Quentin Richardson, and Corey Maggette had quite a year," said Peoria Manual coach Wayne McClain. "But nobody in America had to do more for his team than Frank. I've never put so much on one player."

"Frank has the ability to take a team to another level," said Illinois basketball coach Lon Kruger, who will welcome Williams to Champaign next year to join former Manual teammate Sergio McClain. "He can impact a game in so many different ways. He is the total package, and I see him playing either guard position for us."

Fittingly, Madison's Baker was compared to Williams, not only talent-wise, but in his being the do-everything player for his team. Baker was among state leaders in points per-game average, and among area leaders in rebounds, steals, assists and 3-pointers, for a team that went 14-14 and would have been fortunate to win four games without him.

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June 5-7 — Super Megabucks (Drag Strip)
June 6-7 — SCCA Regional Races (Road Course)
June 25-28 — Sears Craftsman Nationals, NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series (Drag Strip)
July 24-26 — Megabucks (Drag Strip)
Aug. 1-2 — Fast Fords & Muscle Mustangs (Drag Strip)
Aug. 8-9 — Hot Rod Magazine/NMCA World's Fastest Street Car Drag Racing Series (Drag Strip)
Aug. 28-30 — International Drag Bike Association (Drag Strip)
Aug. 29-30 — SCCA Regional/National/IT Tour Races (Road Course)
Sept. 11-13 — Monster Mopar Weekend XIII (Drag Strip)
Sept. 17-19 — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, ARTGO Challenge Series Stock Cars (Oval Track)
Sept. 24-27 — UDDRA Black Sunday (Drag Strip)
Oct. 2-4 — Megabucks (Drag Strip)
Oct. 15-17 — CARQUEST Auto Parts 250, NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division, USAC Silver Crown Championship Cars (Oval Track)
Oct. 11-Nov. 1 — SCCA Midwest/Central Challenge (Road Course)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Church

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 2901 Nameoki Road, Two Sunday worship services, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone is welcome.

GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by youth minister, 5 to 8 p.m. every Sunday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 2020 Johnson Road, holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

ST. PETER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2101 Cleveland Blvd., holds Sunday School at 9 a.m. and has preschool available. Morning worship services at 10:15 a.m. Nursery available. Everyone welcome.

NIEDRINGHAUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nursery Available. Everyone is welcome.

JESUS EVERY THURSDAY (JETS), led by the music director, is for kids 3 to 11 years old. Meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursdays. Music/Bible study and fun at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. Mom's Bible study and share group meets at the same time as children. For more information, call 877-4555.

FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP, 3950 Horseshoe Lake Road, has Sunday service and Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. Monday Night Miracle Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday night youth service at 7 p.m., and Wednesday night youth service at 7 p.m. Full Gospel Fellowship invites all to attend and enjoy power-packed services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRANITE CITY Lenten Bible study at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays March 4 through April 1 at 2150 Delmar St. For more information, call 452-1100.

HOLY FAMILY holds Lenten Fish Fries from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday now through April 10 at 2606 Washington Ave. Fish Fries will be held in the community center cafeteria. Plates and sandwiches served. Carryouts available.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH Adventure Club, an after school activity for grades 4-6, meets 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 1800 Harris St. For more information, call 452-0273.

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3025 National, holds Bible class for young adults at 9 a.m. Sundays, new Sunday school class for junior high at 9 a.m. Bible class for all ages at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. worship service.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MITCHELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 2 regular monthly board meeting is 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, at 5123 Maryville Road, 931-0521.

MADISON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES holds monthly meetings at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the Madison City Hall, 615 Madison Ave.

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY of St. Mary's Church in Madison is holding their annual Quilt Social at 1 p.m. April 19 at Englehart Hall, 10th and Washington in Madison. There will

be 24 quilts and one special game. Bring your dobbers. Paper and thread will be used. Food and refreshments will be available.

Dance

AARP CHAPTER 1340 is holding a dinner/dance May 13. Tickets go on sale at 5 p.m. April 8. Dues must be paid to attend. Members are \$6, guests \$8. Dinner is by Jerry's, music by Jerry's Kids. Those 50 and over are welcome.

MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB (MUSIC) regular monthly meeting is held every other Sunday at the American Legion in Collinsville. Nonmembers welcome. Dance lessons from beginning to advance are given from 6 to 8 p.m. at a cost of \$4 for nonmembers and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

BOOTS & SLIPPERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, square dance lessons, 7 to 9 p.m. every Monday, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights. The cost is \$2.50 per person, per lesson. For more information, call 797-6528 or 344-6366.

Food/Nutrition

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association, Free meals to anyone in need. Every Tuesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m., at Second Baptist Church, 21st and Illinois streets in Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

POLISH PIEROGI SALE, Sacred Heart Polish National Catholic Church, 390 Reynolds, Madison, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. first Saturday of each month. Seven varieties: cabbage, cheese, kielbasa, sausage, meat, and kraut, plus pudding and taco. Carry-outs only. \$5 per dozen. Cooked and ready to heat and eat. Also Chrusek and rosettes. Order ahead by calling 876-5860, 876-3696, or 871-3367.

RESCUE MISSION, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Samuel Turner is the chairman. Alfred Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST, 8 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at 2001 St. Clair Ave. Eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, homemade gravy, and jellies, coffee and orange juice. Meals are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. Call 451-7788 for more information.

GRANITE CITY FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 12th and Edwardsville Road, hot meals served free of charge, the last Monday of each month, to those in need or those who just want someone to talk to. Open to public. For information or a ride, call 451-9635.

Health/Exercise

Bennis Chiropractic, 3361 Fehling Road in Granite City, is offering **FREE ELECTRONIC SPINAL SCREENINGS** from 9 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Thursday. Call 876-2273 for more information.

TOPS 2363, 8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For more information call Bobbie at 452-0273.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 8 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. every Monday, Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City. Call 876-2124.

TOPS II 845, 7 p.m. every Monday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-0102. Men and women welcome.

TOPS 1698 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) will meet at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS II 2417, 6 p.m. every Tuesday, Calvary Lighthouse Church of God, 1205 W. Pontoon, Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information call Ann at 452-8102.

ST. ELIZABETH MEDICAL CENTER'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM is presenting a talk entitled, "Relaps — A Part of the Disease," at 7:30 p.m. April 14. The speaker will be Karen Boudreau, NCI/CDC, of the Behavioral Health System. The talk, on chemical dependency, will be held in the Wiseman Room at SEMC. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 798-0385.

MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES offers the following each week at 500 Madison Ave. in Madison: Walk-in prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays; Family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD screening and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 452-6394 for appointments or more information.

Organizations

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS CHAPTER 1340, meets at Granite City Township Hall, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7596; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP of Central Christian Church meets at 5:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month for breakfast and fellowship. For more information and/or location of meetings call 851-2098.

GRANITE CITY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria, Dinner at 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, followed by a program at 7:15. Open to the public. For more information call 452-5391 or 451-6914.

NOON NETWORKING FOR WOMEN, third Wednesday of each month, noon to 1 p.m., Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights. Cost is \$10 (no annual dues). Please feel free to bring your business cards and brochures. Bring a friend to get \$4 off your next lunch at Noon Networking.

SINGLES ALIVE, a Christian singles group, will meet next at 6 p.m. April 18 for a potluck social at the Wood River Township Hall. Bring a covered dish, desert and soda. All singles are invited. All denominations and ages welcome.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, a hereditary group for descendants over age 12 of Confederate veterans, meets every third Thursday of every month at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City. Call 877-5965 for more information.

NAVY MOTHERS CLUBS OF AMERICA, meet at 7:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Granite City. Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives or sisters of former and present Navy, Marine, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information, call 931-2292 or 876-2209.

THE SARAH AND DORCAS CIRCLES

OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet at 9:30 a.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

THE RUTH CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information and/or meeting location, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

LYDIA CIRCLE of Nameoki United Methodist Church meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. For more information phone, 877-1926.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will meet at 10 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month, except July, at the Nameoki Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA Life Insurance Society meets the last Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Thursday at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m., every Thursday, St. John United Church of Christ, 2501 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m., first Friday of each month, at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7596; and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

GRANITE CHAPTER 850 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the sec-

ond Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION SOCIETY, 8 p.m., second Friday of each month, Granite City, 876-7715.

GRANITE CHAPTER 850 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets the fourth Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

METRO EAST LANDLORD'S ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

CAMERA EXPLORERS CLUB, Hartford Public Library, 143 W. Hawthorne St., 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Call Beverly Zager, 254-9394.

ELKETTES, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, 931-3557, 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month except July and August.

MADISON COUNTY LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Open to everyone in legal field: attorneys, legal secretaries, support staff, court reporters and court personnel. For more information call 465-4400.

MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, Granite City unit, first Tuesday of each month, Anchorage Recreation Center. For more information call 878-1293 or 931-3735.

TRIO UNIT, MADISON COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXTENSION ASSOCIATION, non-first Tuesday of each month, Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave., Granite City.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Shoney's, Highway 157, (64 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information call 682-6029 or 344-2888.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NAARFE) Chapter 1067 meets the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restaurant in Granite City. For more information call 876-8450, or 452-3266.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-8608, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., second Tuesday of each month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 4TH DEGREE, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, 877-4250.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #43 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. (See CALENDAR, page 78)

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- Eric Feder, PT, Physical Therapist
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- Gerry McPhearson, RN, Orthopedic Nurse
- Lucy Kreh, OT, Occupational Therapist

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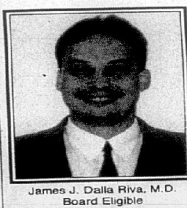
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GRANITE CITY KIWANIS meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

The Troy/Maryville/Collinsville chapter of BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L (BNi) meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Randy's Restaurant in Troy. For more information, please call Lisa at 667-5340.

BURT - SUBLEMASTERS UNDERWATER RESCUE TEAM meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at 4954 Old Alton Road next to the Mitchell Fire Protection Department. Tours are available by appointment, 951-8317 or write to the above address.

MADISON COUNTY FAMILY ALLIANCE will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Milinski Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. For information, call 462-4893, extension 104.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

SCHOOL OF METAPHYSICS, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., every Tuesday, 9459

Roslan Place, St. John, Mo. 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 429-0076.

Seniors

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

CHOUTEAU TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS meet the fourth Thursday of each month, 9 p.m., Potluck, Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, Mitchell.

ATTENTION MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES — Come and hear how Adventure can give you complete health-care coverage. You are invited to hear a presentation every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Ponton Beach Senior Center, 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 10 a.m., every Thursday, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCHE CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. every Friday at the Harold Brown Building, Franklin Avenue and Ponton Road. Call 877-6350 for more information.

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS pot luck dinner the last Saturday of each month, 5 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

GRANITE CITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB meets at the Nelson Hagner Township Hall. Doors open at 6

p.m. April 27 for the next dance. For information, call 877-1215. PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS, meeting, third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., 3910 Highway 111, Ponton Beach.

Support Groups

The C.H.U.R.C.H. OUTREACH INC. meets 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night at True Fellowship M.B. Church, 1641 3rd St. in Madison. The CHURCH is an outreach program designed to support its community in the struggle with urge control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 677-TRUE.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, for patients, their families and caregivers, 6:30 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, in PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Refreshments are served. Call 798-3018 for more information.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday in 4-Doctors Seminar, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3018.

ALANON, 9:30 a.m. every Monday, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every Wednesday, 2116 Edison, Granite City. (800) 307-6600.

ALANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 463-2429 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Thursday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in the Kettler Center Day Care room C. Call 463-2429.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m. every Thursday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month (September through May) at St. Boniface School, 123 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville. Call 465-1453.

HEREDITARY ATAXIA (a disorder of nerve cells in the spinal cord and cerebellum) SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Friday of each month. Call Curt Williams, 877-6172, for information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, noon and 8 p.m. every Friday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City. (800) 307-6600.

STEMS (Support Together for Emotional and Mental Serenity and Sobriety). A support group for people with a mental illness and an alcohol or substance abuse problem, meets every Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at PASCAL Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 798-3604 for more information.

DEPRESSIVE MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION OF MADISON COUNTY will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, in the Milinski Room located in the basement. For more information call the DMDA office at (314) 776-5985.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the first and third Saturday of each month, at 1307 Madison Avenue, Madison, 9:30 to 11 a.m., to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" — at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

OBSSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP, meets the third Saturday of each month, at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 South New Ballas Road, 10 a.m. Meeting is free and open to CCO

patients, family and friends. For information call (314) 842-7228.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City. (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Acceptance, 8 p.m. every Saturday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City. (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Live the Steps, 8 p.m. every Sunday, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. every Sunday, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, PASCAL Hall, main floor, Granite City. (800) 307-6600.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, 3 to 4:30 p.m. third Sunday of each month, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road, Granite City. The group, men only, will enter through the Fellowship Hall door on the east side of the building. There is no charge. For more information phone Roger Zollars, any evening, at 655-5438.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., fourth Monday of each month, Alton Memorial Hospital cafeteria, Room B.

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY RELAPSE PREVENTION group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at the Edwardsville Health Center, 1123 University Drive in Edwardsville. The group focuses on eliminating relapse-prone thinking, feeling and behavior patterns and helping group members grow in sobriety. For more information, call 798-3888.

NEGLECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, a support group for nonoffending parents of victims, meets from 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Rape and Sexual Abuse Center. Call 692-2197 for details.

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AWARDS

Elementary band students recently attended the Illinois Grade School Music Association District Contest held at Collinsville North Middle School on March 14. The following students received awards.

First place solos

FROHARDT SCHOOL - Erica Ashby (clarinet), Kelli Comer (clarinet), Lauren Ehlers (french horn), Danielle Fazil (clarinet), Ray Geroff (baritone), Bradley Grace (trumpet), Katie Humphrey (clarinet and piano), Jennifer Lloyd (trumpet), Jacob Long (flute), Elizabeth Moulton (clarinet), Stacy Orris (flute).
LAKE SCHOOL - Joshua Carrico (snare drum), Emily Gross (french horn), Samantha Dennis (clarinet), Beth Tinsley (french horn), Natalie Wilson (alto sax).
MARSHALL SCHOOL - Lacey Gamblin (french horn and piano), Andrew Gehling (cornet), Jonathan Morien (snare drum).
MARYVILLE SCHOOL - Ashley Anderson (clarinet), Candice Fuller (flute and piano), Amanda Jones (flute), Katie Kitchell (french horn), John Lengyel (piano), Dan McBride (snare drum), Melissa McCart (flute), Jennifer Mull (clarinet), Sara Robinson (clarinet), Jennifer Tomas (flute).
NIEDRINGHAUS SCHOOL - Alex andro Salsios (flute), Lindsay Boyer

(flute), Katie Ersamer (clarinet), Alyson Griffith (clarinet), Stephen Massey (clarinet), Danielle O'Sha (clarinet), Andrew Skokko (alto sax), Dillon Simon (piano), Steve Werthe (clarinet), Matt Woodiel (alto sax), Rebecca Vance (flute).

Second place solos

LAKE SCHOOL Sarah Johnson (clarinet).
NIEDRINGHAUS SCHOOL - Corey Fischer (snare drum), Amy Steen (snare drum), Matt Woodiel (piano).

First place esem-bles

FLUTE DUET - Jacob Long (Frohardt), Emily Gross (Lake).
FLUTE TRIO - Lindsay Boyer (Niedringhaus), Nora Ersamer (Niedringhaus), Rebecca Vance (Niedringhaus).
FLUTE TRIO - Robert Gregonis (Prather), Melissa McCart (Maryville), Amanda Schmetke (Prather).
FLUTE QUARTET - Alexandra Balsios (Niedringhaus), Candice Fuller (Maryville), Amanda Jones

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TRUMPET QUARTET - Bradley Grace (Frohardt), Jacob Johnson (Worthen), Jennifer Lloyd (Frohardt), Spencer Stevens (Prather).
FRENCH HORN QUARTET - Emily Gross (Lake), Lauren Ehlers (Frohardt), Lacey Gamblin (Marshall), Beth Tinsley (Lake).

County conservation district offers fish supplements

The Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for its spring fish sale.

The species available are channel catfish (two sizes), hybrid and regular bluegill (two sizes), largemouth bass (two sizes), fathead minnows and triploid grass carp. Orders for the triploid grass carp must be placed by April 10, and the other

fish by April 22. The fish can be picked up at 9 a.m. April 25 at the USDA Service Center, 7205 Marine Road near Edwardsville. Orders must be placed and paid for in advance. For more information, call 656-5166.

Calendar

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BETTER BREATHERS, support group for those with chronic lung condition, second Tuesday of each month, 1 p.m., Fiscal Hall, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118.

MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 9 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

LUPUS ERYTHMATOSUS SUPPORT GROUP, sub-chapter of Illinois Lupus Foundation, 7:30 p.m., third Tuesday of each month, Memorial Hospital auditorium, Belleville, 233-7750, extension 5986.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN, St. Louis Chapter, 8 to 10 p.m., third Tuesday of each month at the American Cancer Society Building, 4201 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. For more information call 452-2149 or (314) 391-2230.

SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Namekoi United Methodist Church, meets the third Tuesday of each month. For meeting time and place, call the church at 677-1036.

SINGLES CONNECTION events this week are: Meet at 6:30 p.m. April 8 for pizza at Pantera's in the Montclair Shopping Center in Edwardsville. For information, call Ben,

254-1656. Meet at 6:30 p.m. April 9 for a movie at the Cottonwood Theater in Edwardsville. Admission is \$2. Call Betty S., 344-7391. Meet at 7 p.m. April 30 at Troy Truck Stop for fish for Good Friday. Call Date, 667-4874. Meet at 8:30 p.m. April 11 at the Fireman's Hall in Collinsville for dancing. Call John M., 654-5072. Meet at 8:30 p.m. April 14 at the Edwardsville YMCA Esic Drive for volleyball, volleyball on a racquetball court with a sifter ball. Cost is \$3 for three hours of play. Call Paul, 332-1731 for more information.

OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP, 2 to 4 p.m., fourth Tuesday of every month, Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3107.

PEOPLE NEEDING PEOPLE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, 7 to 9 p.m., fourth Tuesday of each month, West main floor, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, call Hospice of Madison County, 798-3399.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (women), 8 p.m., every Tuesday, Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 667-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, St. John United Church, 2901 Namekoi Road, Granite City, 692-8078.

ALANON, 8 p.m., every Tuesday, St.

John United Church, 2901 Namekoi Road, Granite City, 684-2429.

ALATEEN AND PREALATEEN PROGRAM for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen for seven to 11 year age group now meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, 2100 Madison in the Keller Center (Lobby). For more information call 463-2429.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Path to Recovery, 8 p.m. every Tuesday, 2018 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-5409.

LEARNING TO LEAN support group for families with special needs children, for families and friends of any child with any disability. Meets 7 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of every month at Ward of Life Tabernacle, 4870 Maryville Road in Granite City. Childcare is provided. Call Gina at 931-6453.

Other

MADISON COUNTY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets 7 p.m., second Thursday of each month, at Immanuel United Church, 800 N. Main, Edwardsville.

EDWARDSVILLE KENNEL CLUB 7:30 p.m., every Sunday. The 1st day of each month, Hayes Mallory Community Building, 216 Crane St., Edwardsville, open to public.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 11:30 BINGO 1 p.m. every Sunday at the Namekoi Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffles.

GATEWAY SOUNDS CHORUS 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizen Center, 420 E. Main, Collinsville. For more information call Joyce Greiner at 308-8853.

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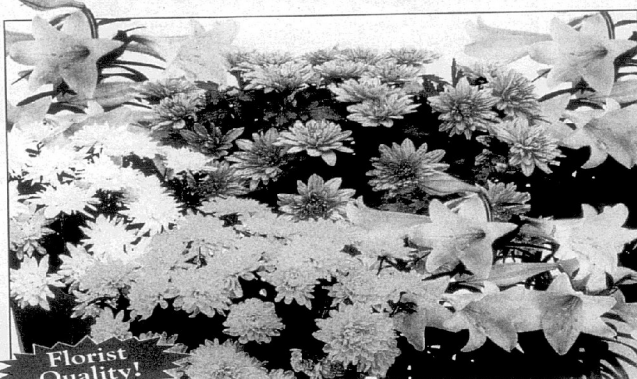
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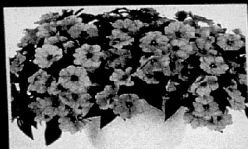


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Today's Food

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

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INSIDE

Heart-y Bites

Nip of fresh garlic enhances health and loosens fine flavor.
INSIDE

Blue Ribbon Cook

An assortment of fruit and other sweet flavors is a winning ambrosia, an imaginary food of the gods.
INSIDE

Test Run

Breakfast or brunch often puts pancakes or waffles on the menu. From buckwheat to whole wheat, blueberry to oat bran, new varieties are ready to fix at home with a mix.
INSIDE

Micro Raves

Microwave ovens at work and at home help use up leftovers and balance budgets for small families and single helpings.
INSIDE

Lively Taste

Trim and cook 2 pounds fresh asparagus. For a sauce, carefully heat 1 cup light sour cream, 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 2 teaspoons sugar and 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper until just warm; in a microwave this takes 1-1/2 to 2 minutes on high power.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Some people were nodding when the question was asked about sleep routines, so lack of sleep may be more prevalent among all ages than is usually admitted.
INSIDE

Fresh Picks

Fruit leads the way for freshness. Splurge with starfruit (carambola), mango or papaya for a tropical twist to salad. Drizzle sliced pears with maple syrup. Sprinkle raspberries and sliced strawberries with balsamic vinegar and confectioner's sugar. Drizzle a quick mix of fruits -- pineapple and orange chunks and strawberries -- with a little honey and splash of lemon juice. Try lime juice over pineapple and melon or add finely zested lime peel with apple juice to draw out sweet juices. Orange juice and fresh mint is also a delicious treatment for berries.

Big Fat Tip

The easiest way to cut back on fat and cholesterol in deviled eggs is to throw away half the yolks. Some of the enjoyment of this dish comes from sight, as well as flavor, so a little plain or flavored mustard or a couple drops of yellow food coloring helps pep up the color interest. Just a sprinkle of salt brings out the egg's flavor. Dill and pickle relish are flavor enhancers. One teaspoon vinegar is a good splash with about 4 eggs. Worcestershire sauce, curry powder, pepper sauce and tarragon also can be used individually for a favorite flavor. As with relish, small bits of vegetables add individual delight. Grated carrot or zucchini, minced celery, green onion, shallot, olives and spinach add bulk, as well as flavor and color. Opt for light or nonfat mayonnaise, sour cream or yogurt for creamy texture. After filling the cooked whites, refrigerate thoroughly. Garnish with paprika. Do not use eggs at room temperature more than two hours.

Future Shop

This is the time of year to toss tender dandelion leaves -- unsprayed and well washed -- into salad with other greens. Eating dips, spreads and fresh vegetable sticks is more fun when containers are edible, too. Clean and hollow out large unblemished bell peppers in an array of colors, eggplant, cabbage, onion or melon. Scoop sherbet or sorbet into clean orange or lemon shells and re-freeze for individual servings later. Slicing a flat piece from the bottom of the fruit or vegetable helps stabilize it.

Easter Symphony

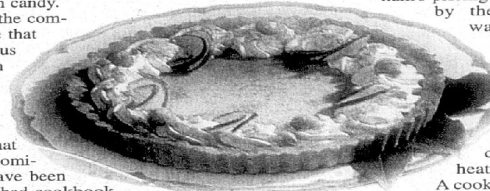


By Janice Denham
Staff writer

The sounds of green grass growing and pink tulips blooming are only background harmony for other themes this week, like hard-cooked eggs gathering pastel tints and baskets filling with candy.

For the family that believes in the coming of the Easter bunny and those that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, symbols of the occasion reflect chords found in spring: new growth and fresh flavors, breads that rise and sprouting colors.

Birth and renewal are keys that compose the music, so eggs predominate. Stuffed and deviled eggs have been around for years. The first published cookbook in 1475 includes such a recipe and Romans included them in holiday feasting long before that. "Deviled" is



a Southern term for dishes spiced with mustard. Worcestershire sauce or pepper.

Ham became a sharp in the melodies of spring feasting because in pre-refrigeration days pork could be preserved by rubbing in salt-pet (potassium nitrate) or burying it in sand by the salty sea. This translates in modern terms as "curing." Six to seven months after slaughter, about Easter time, the briny flavors finished their job.

The length of time today's ham spends in brine affects its flavor. After curing, it may gain more flavor from smoking, usually with hickory or maple wood.

Most hams are fully cooked, with that fact noted on their labels, so oven time is for reheating and adding special flavors, if desired, with a glaze during the last 30 minutes of heating. Spiral-cut ham needs only slicing for serving size, not carving.

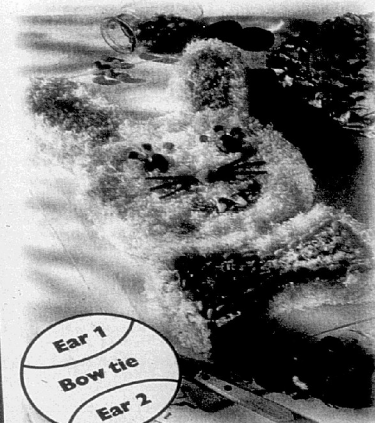
Bone-in ham offers two to three servings per pound; boneless yields four to five servings. Some of ham's pricing is determined by the amount of water added.

This liquid, which sometimes "puddles" in the package, can be discarded before heating.

A cook may score the

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Funny Bunny Ice Cream Cake



2 half-gallons (any flavor) ice cream, softened
1 cup chocolate syrup
24 chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed
1 container (16 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
3 cups flaked coconut
Jelly beans, licorice and colored sugar sprinkles
Food coloring, if desired

Line two 9-inch round cake pans with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Spread one-fourth of ice cream in each pan. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Sprinkle each with 1/2 cup cookie crumbs. Spread with remaining ice cream. Top with remaining crumbs. Cover with more foil. Freeze until firm.

Line large tray with aluminum foil. Using edges of foil, lift ice cream layers from pans. Lift off top foil.

Place one layer upside down on tray. Peel off foil. Remove foil from second layer.

Follow pattern to cut ears and bow tie. Arrange on tray to form bunny. Frost with whipped topping. Decorate with coconut, colored sprinkles, jelly beans and licorice.

For bunny ears, tint coconut with a few drops of red food coloring diluted with a 1/2 teaspoon water.

To freeze until serving time, cover loosely with foil.
Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Kids' Cuisine

Today's Food

Heart-y Bites

By CHERYL HOUSTON

Micro Raves

By SANDRA HOUNSON

Vampire-shooting garlic works flavor magic, too

Garlic, a bulb related to the onion originally from central Asia, is an essential ingredient in Mediterranean, Asian, European and Middle Eastern dishes. Unfortunately, many Americans rely solely on its artificial-like taste as a seasoning.

Now is the time to discover fresh garlic, not only for incredible flavor, but also for the health benefits it is now known to bestow. The health value of garlic dates back to ancient times. Romans claimed garlic as a source of power for laborers and gladiators. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, extolled its virtues as both laxative and diuretic. Even enthusiasts of Friday-night fright fests report garlic keeps the most tenacious vampire at bay.

While few people need to worry about vampires, more common threats to health and well-being fall within garlic's therapeutic powers. Garlic has been used by the Chinese and Japanese for centuries to control blood pressure. During World War I, garlic's powers fought infection from battle wounds.

More recently, researchers at the University of Indiana found garlic could stop the growth of several fungi and molds, such as *Candida*, a source of yeast infections. Much research over the last several decades has been aimed at the use of garlic in preventing and treating cardiovascular disease.

Despite possible health benefits, many people shy away from garlic because of its pungent aroma and lingering flavor. However, these characteristics are easy to tame.

The smaller garlic is cut, such as by mincing or

chopping, the tangier the flavor. Cooking whole garlic cloves produces milder flavor in the final dish. The longer the cooking time, the more likely garlic takes on a somewhat sweet and nutty flavor.

To achieve this transformation, roast garlic by removing the papery outer covering on the bulb and placing the cloves in an ovenproof baking dish. Cover the dish with heavy-duty aluminum foil and roast it in a preheated 400° oven for 1½ hours. Snip off the ends of the cloves when done. Squeeze out the soft, delicious, delicately flavored filling to spread on bread slices — no butter or margarine is needed — for a treat made in heaven or use it in other dishes.

The number of garlic cloves called for in this chicken recipe should not cause alarm. The long, slow cooking time lets the garlic mellow. As a make-ahead weekend recipe, it takes only a few minutes to prepare, roasting time provides opportunity for other kitchen tasks at the same time and it tastes better the next day.

The finished version is juicy, so it is best served over cooked, seasoned, long grain and wild rice, couscous or barley. Get double duty from the garlic by squeezing its flesh from the papery covering onto crusty French bread and using the bread to mop up the juices.

If garlic breath is a worry, eating fresh parsley is an antidote. Its chlorophyll serves as nature's breath freshener.

Registered dietitian Cheryl Houston is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

tion representatives are conducting supermarket tours in the metropolitan area through June. For information or reservations call 45-HEART. Free recipes and food products will be distributed.

40-CLOVE GARLIC CHICKEN

- 8 skinless chicken breast halves (about 5 oz. each)
- 1 large onion, chopped (1 cup)
- 4 ribs celery, sliced (1½ cups)
- 2 tbsp. minced fresh parsley or 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes
- 1 tsp. fresh or 1 tsp. dried tarragon
- ½ cup dry vermouth (or dry sherry or dry white wine)
- ¼ tsp. freshly ground pepper
- Pinch nutmeg
- Salt, if desired
- 40 cloves garlic, separated but not peeled

Preheat oven to 325°. In large casserole or 5- to 6-quart Dutch oven, combine onion, celery, parsley and tarragon. Lay chicken over vegetables. Pour vermouth over chicken. Sprinkle with pepper and nutmeg. Distribute unpeeled garlic throughout casserole, tucking cloves under chicken. Cover casserole tightly; if desired, fit aluminum foil around top under lid. Bake chicken in preheated oven 1½ hours, leaving covering intact entire cooking time.

Makes 8 servings; 206 calories, 23 g protein, 8 g carbohydrate, 2 g fat, 85 mg cholesterol and 126 mg sodium each (without salt).

Single dining demands fewer repeat performers

HOT SHRIMP LUNCHEON SALAD

- 2 tbsp. oil
- 4 tsp. wine vinegar
- 1 cup Italian salad dressing mix
- 1 cup peeled, cooked shrimp
- 2 tbsp. chopped tomato
- 1 tsp. chopped celery
- 1 tsp. chopped green onion
- 1 tsp. drained capers
- Shredded lettuce
- ¼ cup (1 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp. chopped parsley

In screw-top jar, combine oil, wine vinegar and dressing mix. Cover. Shake well. In 1-quart bowl, combine shrimp, tomato, celery, green onion and capers. Gently toss dressing with shrimp mixture. Microwave at medium-low (30 percent) power 3 to 4 minutes until warm, tossing after 1½ minutes until warm.

If microwave only has "defrost" and "high" settings, use "defrost." If it only has one cooking level, check after 1 minute so it does not overcook, and add time in 30-second intervals.

Place lettuce on salad plates. Spoon warm shrimp mixture over lettuce. Sprinkle with cheese and parsley. Makes 2 servings.

insulated container, kept chilled and reheated — to the admiration of those who smell the tantalizing aroma for a first-rate lunch.

This recipe from "Microwave Cookery for 1 or 2" (HP Books, 1982) can be

divided in half and toted to work with the dressing packed separately for last-minute freshness.

Home economist Sandra Hounson specializes in microwave cooking.

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exterior of ham in a diamond pattern and add whole cloves and maraschino cherries for applause. It can be heated in a traditional or microwave oven, an oven bag or a slow cooker.

In a conventional oven roasting a ham is 325 degrees and uncovered ham should be set on a rack in a roasting pan.

The tang of a glaze and sauce comes from a combination of sweet and tart. A mixture of ¾ cup honey and 3 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate (thawed) gets a little spice from a pinch of cinnamon and cloves. Mustard sings out, too, such as a combination of ¼ cup apricot jam, 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard and 2 teaspoons cider vinegar.

Fruit is a favorite combination with ham, too.

For a mango glaze, cook and stir 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion in 1 tablespoon oil 2 to 3 minutes until tender. Add 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar and 1 minute. Peel and pit 2 mangos and puree

pulp. Add with ½ cup honey mustard to onion. Heat through. Let the mixture cool, then stir in 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro or parsley. Brush the ham with ½ cup glaze during the last 20 minutes of heating, then serve the remainder warm over sliced ham.

For a citrus chutney to serve over meat, stir together 2 tablespoons honey; 3 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate (thawed) — 1 tablespoon of which can be an orange liqueur, like Triple Sec or Grand Marnier — and ¼ teaspoon mace. Stir in 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple, 1 large navel orange, peeled and finely chopped, and 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion. Cover and refrigerate, if making ahead.

For easy bread sticks, brush Dijon mustard on one

side of refrigerated bread stick dough, then sprinkle with rosemary and pepper. Form into 16 strips, twist and bake on a lightly greased baking sheet lined with aluminum foil in preheated 375° oven 12 to 14 minutes until lightly golden.

For free brochures, including "Easter Dinner Solutions," call the Reynolds Kitchens toll-free 1-800-745-4000 or look at the Internet site www.rmc.com/wrap. For a free "Meals Made Easy" booklet, call Grey Poupon toll-free at 1-800-473-4566.

For ham information, visit the web site at www.horrel.com or www.nppc.org/, or write for a free booklet about ham by sending a self-addressed, business-size envelope to: Official Hambook, National Pork Producers Council, P.O. Box 10383, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

BLUE CHEESE WALNUT SALAD

- 2 pkg. (10 oz. each) European mixed salad greens — (iceberg, romaine, leaf, radicchio)
- 1 cup walnuts, toasted, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 oz. blue cheese, coarsely crumbled
- ¼ cup Dijon or honey mustard
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup oil
- ¼ cup sour cream

Mix salad greens, walnuts, onion and blue cheese in large bowl. Blend mustard and vinegar. Whisk in oil and sour cream. Toss with greens mixture. Serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

LIME AND MACADAMIA TART

- 1½ cups flour
- ½ cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, softened
- ¼ cup finely chopped macadamia nuts
- ¼ cup confectioner's sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. grated lime peel
- ¼ cup margarine or butter, melted, cooled
- ¼ to ½ cup lime juice
- Whipped topping

Sliced lime and macadamia nuts for garnish, if desired. Preheat oven to 400°. In medium bowl, mix flour, ½ cup margarine, nuts and confectioner's sugar with fork until crumbly. Press firmly and evenly against bottom and side of 9-inch tart pan or pie plate. Prick bottom with fork. Bake in preheated oven 10 minutes.

In large bowl, beat eggs, granulated sugar and lime peel 1 minute, using electric mixer on medium speed. Add ½ cup margarine and lime juice. Beat 1 minute. Pour into crust. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until filling is firm and golden. Cool completely.

Garnish with whipped topping, lime slices and additional macadamia nuts. Makes 8 servings.

Test Run

Families line up for homey pancakes flipped from mixes

Pancakes get around. They are a mainstay of breakfast, but their design with filling, luscious flavors — even sweets on top — put them in the winners' circle any time of the day or night.

Tasters found there is more to pancake mix than buttermilk-or-not-and-ready-for-water-or-more when they took home boxes of Aunt Jemima whole wheat and buckwheat pancake and waffle mix and Krusteaz blueberry and lite oat bran complete pancake mix to test with their families.

Products are staggered at local supermarkets. They range in price from \$1.89 to \$2.19.

Results of the whole wheat and buckwheat mixes came in first. The buckwheat pancakes — made according to package directions with 2 percent milk, egg and oil — register 190 calories, 6 grams fat and 4 grams dietary fiber per serving of four (4-inch) pancakes. They received high marks.

"The pancakes were great," said the tester. "I love buckwheat pancakes and think they weren't quite as thick and heavy as some I've had in restaurants, but they had good flavor and color."

She used a recipe for apple praline pancakes on the box and called them a "great change from plain pancakes."

The batter was thinner than she expected, but did not fall apart when she



Who needs to go out to a pancake house when one of the special varieties of boxed mixes is handy on a kitchen shelf? Testers and their families tried Krusteaz blueberry and lite oat bran pancake mix, as well as Aunt Jemima whole wheat and buckwheat pancake mixes.

flipped them. She advised flipping them when they're golden and their edges begin to darken, "even if they seem a bit flimsy," to avoid burning them. The whole wheat pancake mix cooked to applause, too. The tester followed package directions for waffles.

"They browned nicely and handled easily on the waffle baker to plate with good texture. They were not at all tough and had a nutty, rich flavor," she said.

A similar serving of whole wheat waffles has 4 grams dietary fiber.

The lite oat bran pancake mix is ready with only the addition of water. Three (4-inch) pancakes contain

140 calories, 1 gram fat and 8 grams dietary fiber. Although cinnamon is not listed separately as an ingredient, several testers thought the mix included it as a mild seasoning.

The tester shared them over breakfast with another family. They were not what everybody expected. "They browned nicely and the color was wonderful," she said. Their children "ate their normal" and gave them a definite thumbs-up.

"My husband and I thought they were a heavier pancake they we generally like, and really only ate one each, whereas we usually have two or three," but the other adults did not find them too heavy.

HAM WITH STRAWBERRY DIJON SAUCE

- 1 large (14-by-20 inch) oven bag (available with plastic wraps)
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 2 cans (6 oz. each) pineapple juice
- ¾ cup honey
- ¼ cup Dijon mustard
- 5 to 7 lb., boneless fully cooked ham
- Whole cloves
- 1 qt. strawberries, halved

Preheat oven to 325°. Shake flour in oven bag. Place in 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Add pineapple juice, honey and mustard. Squeeze bag to blend ingredients.

Using table knife, lightly score surface of ham in diamond pattern and insert cloves. Place in oven bag. Close with nylon tie. Cut six (½-inch) slits in top.

Bake in preheated oven 1¾ to 2¼ hours until meat thermometer reads 140°.

To serve, carefully cut open bag and transfer ham to serving platter. Stir strawberries into sauce in oven bag. Serve with ham. Makes 10 to 14 servings.

Today's Food

Berry masterpieces float like April tulips

It's wonderful to have spring again. One of its most joyful and brightest foods is strawberries.

The very best ones are shiny, firm and fragrant. A strawberry should be almost completely red, though some white near the leafy cap, "white shoulders," is common. When choosing berries, skip those that are moldy or lack aroma.

Keep berries — including raspberries, blueberries and blackberries — refrigerated in their containers until ready to use them. If any develops mold, get rid of it as soon as it is spotted because it spreads quickly. Leave caps or hulls on strawberries until they are washed. Wash them just before using them.

These recipes are easy to make. The meringue over the berries is a joy to make if all equipment is clean. Even a drop of fat or yolk in whites keeps them from becoming frothy. Egg whites beat to greater volume at room temperature.

The cannoli cream idea is from a booklet of recipes by chef Leslie Revis. To receive it, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: Special Collection, Department N, Driscoll Strawberry Associates, P.O. Box 50045, Watsonville, Calif. 95077. It also can be ordered by calling toll-free 1-800-871-3333 or

e-mailing at website www.driscolls.com.

BERRIES IN A CLOUD

- 1 lb. strawberries, rinsed, dried, hulled, halved or quartered
- 6 oz. blueberries, rinsed, dried
- 6 oz. raspberries, rinsed, dried
- 3 tbsp. seedless raspberry preservers
- 3 egg whites
- ¼ tsp. cream of tartar
- 6 tbsp. sugar
- 1½ tbsp. pine nuts or slivered almonds

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, combine strawberries, blueberries and raspberries.

Heat preservers in microwave oven 20 to 30 seconds or in a small saucepan or skillet over low heat until melted. Pour warm preservers (let cool slightly if hot) over berries. Mix gently.

Turn berries into shallow 8- or 9-inch baking dish or pie plate. In large clean glass or metal bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar at high speed until just foamy.

Gradually add sugar, while beating constantly, until stiff peaks form and sugar is dissolved (rub a bit between thumb and forefinger to test).

Pile meringue over berries, swirling lightly. Sprinkle with nuts.

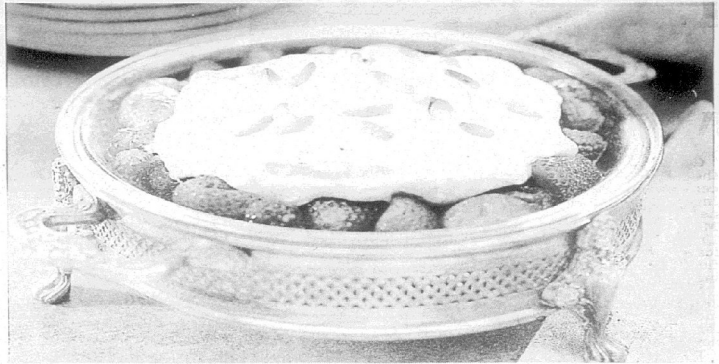
Bake in preheated oven 12 to 15 minutes until meringue is golden brown. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

STRAWBERRIES WITH CANNOLI CREAM

- 1 lb. strawberries, rinsed, dried, hulled, halved or quartered
- ½ cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 2 tbsp. confectioner's sugar
- 1/8 tsp. grated orange peel
- 2 tsp. orange juice
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- 2 drops almond extract
- 2 tsp. chopped semisweet chocolate

In food processor or blender, combine ricotta, confectioner's sugar, orange peel and juice, vanilla and almond extracts. Process or blend until very smooth. Stir in chocolate. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve.

To serve, divide berries among bowls or stemmed glasses. Stir cream and pour over berries. Makes 4 servings.



Meringue tops fresh strawberries with finishing flourish.

Ancestors' plight brings Passover to Jewish table

Passover begins this weekend for the Jewish community. It is a time of remembering one of the most important events in its history, when the Jewish people fled quickly from slavery in Egypt.

One of the most well known eating rituals involves omitting leavened foods and ingredients from all foods.

"During Passover you don't use anything with yeast in it because the pharaoh threw the Jewish people out of Egypt before they had time to let their bread rise," says Barbara Cupples of Jewish Women International, whose local cookbook, "Look What's Cooking," has a variety of Passover recipes.

The Torah, the Jewish source of religious instruction and law, urges no leavening in the home for seven days, which results in a thorough kitchen cleaning just before Passover.

The Seder meal, with food rituals symbolic to the escape from slavery 3,000 years ago, includes haroset,

a relish-type mixture of fruit and nuts that recalls the mortar Jews used to build the pyramids for the pharaohs.

The 500-recipe cookbook is available for \$12 plus a \$2.50 shipping charge. It can be ordered from: Jewish Women International, c/o Barbara Cupples, 2102 Chesterfield Place, Chesterfield, Mo. 63017.

Wet matzos with water until moist. In bowl, combine eggs, cottage cheese, salt and pepper.

In 8-inch square pan, portion spaghetti sauce, matzos, egg mixture, spinach, parmesan cheese and mozzarella in layers until ingredients are used, starting with sauce and ending with mozzarella cheese.

Bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes. Let sit 10 minutes before serving.

Can be prepared a day ahead and reheated. Recipe also is easy to double and prepare in 13-by-9-inch pan.

MATZO LASAGNA

- 2 eggs or equivalent
 - yolk-free egg product
 - 1 lb. cottage or ricotta cheese
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 1 jar or can (about 20 oz.) spaghetti sauce
 - 2 cartons (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained
 - Grated parmesan cheese
 - 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese
- Preheat oven to 350°.

HAROSET

- ½ cup ground nuts
 - ½ tsp. cinnamon
 - 1 apple, peeled, grated
 - 2 tbsp. sweet red wine
- Mix together nuts, cinnamon, apple and wine until smooth.

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Today's Food

Wise Ways

By CAROL SCHLITT

Bunny delivers eggs for kids of all ages

When my sons were little, they loved to color Easter eggs. Now they are almost grown, but they still look forward to the brightly colored basket of eggs at the Easter dinner table. To them and, I suspect, to many other people, Easter and hard-cooked, colored eggs go hand-in-hand.

Since the dawn of mankind, eggs have been associated with springtime. For centuries, eggs were among the foods forbidden by the Catholic Church during Lent, the 40 days before Easter, so it was a special treat to have them again at Easter.

If dying eggs is on the home agenda this Easter, here are tips to help with this fun project.

Eggs to be decorated can be either hard-cooked or blown-out shells. If eggs

are to be dyed, washing in a mild detergent solution helps remove the oil coating so color adheres to the shell more evenly. Blown eggs have the yolk and egg white literally blown out of the shell under

pressure. To do this, prick both the large and the small ends several times with a sharp needle.

Certified family and consumer scientist Carol Schlitt is nutrition and wellness educator.

CONFETTI EGG SALAD SANDWICHES

- 9 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh spinach
- 1/4 cup shredded carrot
- 1/4 cup chopped, pimiento-stuffed green olives
- 6 English muffins, split,

toasted
1 cup (4 oz.) reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
1/4 cup imitation bacon bits

Combine egg, sour cream, spinach, carrot and olives.

Divide mixture among 12 muffin halves. Spread evenly. Sprinkle with shredded cheese and bacon bits.

Broil 6 inches from heat 3 to 5 minutes until cheese melts.

Yields 6 servings; 370 calories, 16 g fat and 329 mg cholesterol each.

Medicine Chest

By REBECCA COLEY

No zest today? Maybe short sleep caused loss of Z's

Although the recommended nightly amount of sleep is eight hours, on average a person gets seven hours of sleep per night. One in three gets fewer than six hours of sleep, according to a telephone survey conducted late last year and early in 1998 by the National Sleep Foundation.

This deprivation causes 37 percent of people to report daytime sleepiness severe enough to cause problems.

Not surprisingly, a greater number of shift workers (52 percent), report problems with daily activities because of lack of sleep.

The National Sleep Foundation staunchly recommends eight hours of sleep for everyone to remain at his best, intellectually and physically. Even older people still need eight hours a night.

Many people incorrectly

believe the need for sleep declines as a person ages. In fact, the quality of one's sleep changes so older people tend to wake more often.

A person who feels eight hours of sleep a night is not enough may explore the possibility of sleep abnormalities. A certain amount of "quality" sleep per night is necessary. Cheating the body one night encourages the body to make up the difference the next night. Without quality sleep, all the time in bed does not make a difference.

Problems like snoring and sleep apnea often can be corrected. It is estimated 43 percent of those reporting sleeping problems snore and an equal number have insomnia.

Sleep deprivation can be hazardous to health. A recent survey indicated that 57 percent of men and

women reported driving while drowsy.

Sleeping is an investment in health. A person having trouble sleeping can contact the Sleep Disorder and Research Center at Deaconess Medical Center 768-3100 or check with a local university to see if a convenient program exists. The National Sleep Foundation can be contacted at 729 15th St., N.W., Fourth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, e-mail natsleep@erols.com or telephone (202) 785-2300.

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Blue Ribbon Cook

Ambrosia: great holiday sight

Sandy Scharnhorst, Hillsboro, is winner of this week's recipe contest for Holiday Ambrosia. Her prize is dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

This easy, tasty and pretty dish enjoys a favorite spot on any holiday table, including one in spring. She recommends refrigerating it at least one hour before serving so it is chilled and flavors are combined.

Send a single recipe by April 30 to: Ham-It-Up Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131.

Entries will be judged for a prize of dinner certificates from Pasta House Co. that will be awarded each of the five Wednesdays during April.

Type or print it legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal* you receive.

Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special.

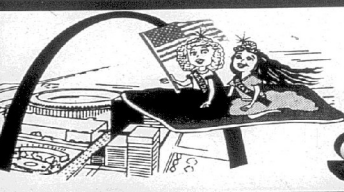
If there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it will be among criteria used for selecting winners.

HOLIDAY AMBROSIA


- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup mini marshmallows
- 1 cup whipped topping (defrosted, if frozen)
- 1 cup mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 cup crushed pineapple in juice, drained
- 1 cup maraschino cherries (chopped, halved or whole), drained


* Combine coconut, marshmallows, whipped topping, oranges, pineapple and cherries. Refrigerate 1 hour before serving.

Makes 4 to 5 servings; can be doubled.



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Today's Food

Makeovers renew interest in old-fashioned favorites

Some foods are like an old sweater or a pair of worn sneakers that just know how to fit. They are more than comfort foods. They can be prepared without thinking.

If some seem a bit too worn to wear or make again, patch them or polish them a little. One way to make them shine is to mix-and-match what people like about a dish.

For instance, most families hold Italian food in high esteem, but spaghetti has fallen from favor. Give it new life with more seasoning and switch from meat-and-cheese to all cheese in three varieties. It becomes more like lasagna when it is baked.

When the idea of hamburgers again is hard to swallow, perk them up by wrapping a warm tortilla around them and a thin strip of pepper cheese. Top with salsa and shredded lettuce.

Side dishes merit new pep, too. Mash potatoes with garlic. Add corn and a dash of a favorite vinegar

to bean salad. Marinate fresh mushrooms in red wine and Italian salad dressing. Add dill and diced fresh tomato to green beans.

Use spinach as the leafy green in salad and add a sprinkle of romano cheese to the dressing. Top with bottled roasted red pepper.

To receive recipe cards with these updated dinner combos, send a self-addressed envelope with two first-class stamps to: National Cheese Institute "Menus by Memory," P.O. Box 8517, Prospect Heights, Ill. 60070.

TRIPLE-CHEESE BAKED SPAGHETTI

- 6 oz. uncooked spaghetti
- ¾ cup low-fat ricotta
- ½ cup (2 oz.) finely grated romano cheese
- 1 jar (16 oz.) spaghetti sauce
- 1 tsp. basil

- 2 tsp. oregano
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain completely.

In large bowl, combine ricotta and romano cheeses, 1 cup spaghetti sauce, basil, oregano and pepper.

Mix cooked pasta with cheese mixture, stirring until pasta is distributed. Place in prepared casserole dish. Top with mozzarella.

Cover with lid or aluminum foil. Bake in preheated oven 20 minutes. Remove cover.

Continue baking until cheese bubbles. Remove from oven. Let stand 3 minutes.

Cut in 4 large or 6 medium servings. Serve in individual portions with remainder of spaghetti sauce, warmed, on top.



Good of spaghetti gets extra points when it is baked, while plain salad ranks high in interest and nutrition when it is green with spinach.

SPINACH SALAD WITH ROMANO DRESSING

- 10 oz. fresh spinach, stems removed, well cleaned
- 4 tbsp. balsamic vinegar

- 2 tbsp. water
- 2 tbsp. finely grated romano cheese
- ¼ tsp. cracked black pepper
- ½ cup canned roasted red pepper

Towel-dry spinach. Mix vinegar, water, cheese and pepper.

Pat roasted red peppers dry with towel. Dice into

small pieces.

Toss spinach with vinegar mixture until evenly coated. Sprinkle red pepper over salad.

Serve immediately. Main dish and salad make 4 servings; 430 calories, 14 g fat, 1,290 mg sodium and 5 g dietary fiber each.

BUNNY ROLLS

- 1 loaf (1 lb.) frozen bread dough, thawed, or 12 rolls
- 16 raisins
- 1 to 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

Let dough thaw. If using bread loaf, divide loaf into 12 equal pieces. Using floured hands, roll 8 pieces into balls for heads. Place on baking sheet.

Take second piece of dough and divide into 4 equal pieces to make 4 bunny ears. With floured hands, form each small piece of dough into rabbit ear shape. Attach two ears to each bunny head on baking sheet.

Brush dough with melted butter. Let rise in warm area until double in size.

Using a toothpick, very gently poke 2 holes on each face for eyes. Carefully place raisin in each hole.

Preheat oven to 375°. Bake 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown. Remove from oven. Let cool on wire rack.

Makes 8 bunnies; 150 calories, 4 g fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 250 mg sodium, 24 g carbohydrate and 4 g protein each.

NUTTY BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups cake flour
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. lemon extract
- ½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts

If using fresh blueberries, wash and drain. If using frozen blueberries, thaw and drain.

Preheat oven to 375°. Grease and flour muffin or mini-egg cake pan or coat pans with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, beat butter, sugar and eggs about 4 minutes until light and fluffy.

In separate bowl, mix cake flour, baking powder and salt. Alternately add flour mixture and milk to egg batter. Add lemon extract. Beat until smooth. Using spatula, gently fold in blueberries and walnuts.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Fill each mold three-fourths full. Bake in preheated oven 12 to 18 minutes.

Cool in pan on wire rack 10 minutes. Remove muffins from pan.

Yields 12 to 18 egg-shaped muffins.

Hoppy times call muffins and hot rolls on holiday

Spring holidays call for special foods.

Creativity stretches simple ingredients to imaginative limits. Yeasty bunny rolls are made with convenient frozen bread dough. Simply divide dough into balls, shape into bunny faces and add ears.

Let the dough rise and bake. Even kids can make them.

Muffins and molds in the shape of eggs and bunnies form treats, too.

They become a centerpiece or flag guests as edible place cards by monogram or name.

Plain muffin tins or molds can hold a variety of treats, such as cornbread, chocolate cake, carrot bread or blueberry muffins.



FEELING FIT

BY MARK LYMBERPOULOS
Jumping on a pogo stick about 10 minutes a day seems to strengthen the quadriceps and avoid knee pain, say researchers at the University of Cincinnati.

A psychologist in Bethesda, Maryland, reports that removing sweets from your diet is the key to not gaining weight when you quit smoking. That assumes that the rest of your diet remains unchanged.

If illness or travel makes you miss your regular exercise program, go back at half pace and work your way up to your previous level. Heart patients should have a checkup before resuming.

How to increase your calcium intake without the fat of dairy products? For a glass of milk substitute 8 ounces tofu, 2 cups broccoli, 16 oysters, 8 ounces salmon, or a cup of almonds.

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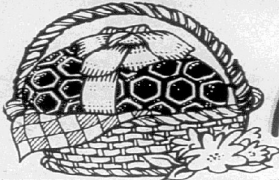
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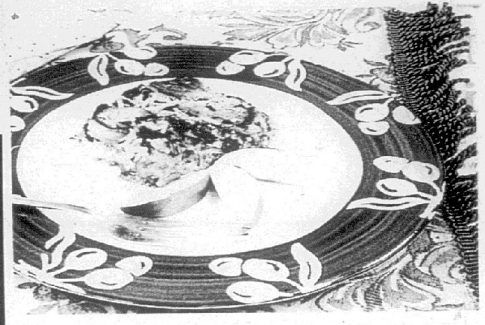
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Apple adds a sweet touch in vegetable kugel featuring eggplant, spinach and onion.

Kugel gets Passover life with crisp vegetables and, not flour

By Dana Jacobi
Correspondent

There are as many kugel recipes as there are mothers, aunts and grandmothers. At least that is how it seems after asking friends about favorite family dishes and perusing a large number of Jewish cookbooks.

A kugel is essentially a baked pudding. The word "kugel" originally was given to a traditional dish made by European Jews. As far back as the Middle Ages, a pudding was made to go with the Sabbath dinner's long-simmering stew or pot roast. Cooked in the center of the pot with the stew, this pudding and many other baked puddings became known as kugels.

Kugels can be sweet or savory. Many varieties are made with noodles and dried or canned fruit and bound together with eggs. Those I recall from childhood were cloyingly sweet, cheesy and full of canned pineapple and raisins. Although my mother was a great cook, she never made kugels, so the ones I sampled at big family gatherings were made by relatives with less discriminating taste.

During Passover, when noodles are off-limits because they are made with flour, kugels are made with potatoes, crumbled matzos, matzo meal or coarser matzo farfel. Joann Nathan, a creative cook who writes about Jewish food, even makes a kugel similar to macaroni and cheese by using matzo farfel in place of pasta.

My memories of Passover include a potato kugel, dense with grated potatoes and laden with chicken fat. Now that health experts, such as the American Institute for Cancer Research, recommend limiting consumption of fatty foods for lower cancer risk, I prefer to experiment with vegetables when making kugel.

Spinach and Eggplant Kugel is a healthy combination of vegetables, yet as richly satisfying as traditional recipes. Partnered with lamb dishes, it even serves as a meatless main course.

Dana Jacobi — author of "Best of Claypot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: Soy!" — submits this material on behalf of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

SPINACH AND EGGPLANT KUGEL

2 lb. eggplant, peeled, cut in 1-inch cubes
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed
1 small onion, finely chopped

1 apple, peeled, shredded
1 tsp. salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 egg plus 2 egg whites, beaten
1 piece matzo
1 tsp. unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 400°. Coat 2 nonstick cookie sheets and 9-inch square baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange eggplant in single layer on cookie sheets. Cover each loosely with aluminum foil. Bake in preheated oven

10 minutes. Uncover eggplant and turn over cubes. Re-cover pan with foil and switch position of pans in oven.

Bake 5 to 10 minutes until eggplant is soft when pierced with knife but still maintains its shape.

Reduce oven temperature to 350°. Squeeze spinach dry. In large bowl, mix spinach with eggplant. Add onion, apple and salt. Stir to combine. Mix in eggs. Season with pepper. Crumble in matzo. Bake well.

Spread mixture in even layer in prepared baking dish. Dot top with butter.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes until top is browned and crisp. Let sit 10 minutes before cutting. Serve hot or warm.

Makes 6 servings, 110 calories and 2 g fat each.

Recipe

SEAFOOD AND ASPARAGUS ORIENTAL STIR-FRY

1 lb. salmon, orange roughly, shrimp or scallops
2 tbsp. oil
10 oz. asparagus, fresh, frozen (thawed and drained) or canned (drained)

1/2 cup sliced onion
1/2 cup diagonally-cut celery
1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
2 cups chicken broth
2 tbsp. cornstarch
2 tsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce
4 cups cooked rice
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Wash and clean fish or shrimp. Cut in 1-inch cubes, if necessary.

In large nonstick skillet or wok, stir-fry seafood in hot oil until fish flakes or seafood is done. Remove from pan.

In same skillet, stir-fry asparagus, onion, celery and mushrooms about 3 minutes until just tender-crisp.

Add water chestnuts and chicken broth. Heat, stirring often, until liquid starts to boil.

Combine cornstarch and soy sauce. Stir into hot mixture. Continue to cook and stir about 3 minutes until mixture thickens.

Return seafood to skillet. Continue cooking until hot. Serve immediately over hot rice. Garnish with almonds.

Makes 6 servings.

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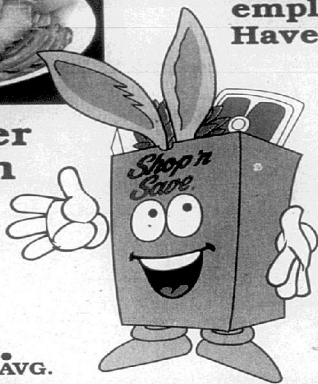


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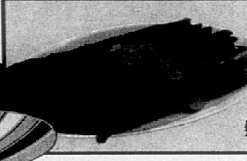
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By Tom Strongman

ily vehicle with ease. The small back seat has its limitations, to be sure, but it certainly expands the truck's usefulness.

Inside there are bucket seats and a large console, complete with cup holders and a large storage bin. Gauges include a tachometer.

The seats are shaped to provide good support, but I would have liked for the bottom cushion to be adjustable. Windows and locks are manual to save money. Power locks are so commonplace these days that I missed not being able to lock both doors from the driver's side.

For those who have small children, a key-operated switch turns off the passenger-side air bag.

Sport trucks are not new. In years past, GMC's turbocharged Syclone could outdrag a Ferrari, and Ford's SVT Lightning humbled most

Mustangs. Both are gone now, although Ford has pledged to bring the Lightning back next year with more than 300 super-charged ponies prancing under its hood.

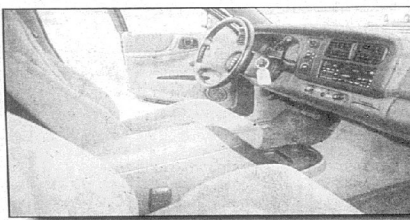
In the meantime, the R/T is one of the hottest haulers you can buy. The fact that it's available with an extended cab makes it even more attractive to young buyers with children.

The base price of our test truck was \$16,170. Equipment consisted of the sport appearance group, R/T sport group, 5.9-liter V-8, automatic transmission, anti-lock brakes, air conditioning, fog lights, power mirrors and AM/FM stereo cassette with

The sticker price was \$23,455.
The standard warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The Dakota R/T is fun, plus it is available in the extended-cab model. The 250-horse V-8 makes it scoot away from stop lights, and the sports suspension gives it the road manners of a sports car.

Counterpoint: The R/T would be a challenge in winter; I wish power locks were standard; and the bucket seats could use a wider range of adjustment.



By Rick Stoff

Every time you pump a gallon of gasoline into your car or truck, you also pump 18.4 cents into the Federal Highway Trust Fund. That money is used to fix roads and bridges ... and to offset billions of dollars of the federal deficit to help Congress look like it is doing a better job of balancing the budget.

The trust fund now holds about \$24 billion in gas tax dollars that are not earmarked for highway improvements or repairs, but instead make the federal deficit appear, on paper, to be \$24 billion lighter.

A group that mostly represents the highway construction industry reported recently that bad roads are costing American motorists \$23.7 billion a year in avoidable repair costs. That works out to \$132 per driver to repair pothole damage and pay for extra fuel while stuck in traffic jams.

"Failure to make needed highway improvements and repairs hits motorists right in their wallets," said William M. Wilkins, executive director of The Road Information Program (TRIP). "As Congress makes decisions on how to best spend the budget surplus, they should bear in mind that federal gasoline taxes paid by motorists were intended for the purpose of making needed road and bridge repairs and highway improvements."

TRIP estimates the U.S. needs to spend about \$20 billion more each year to maintain its road infrastructure. The group says motorists must spend 29 percent more to maintain cars driven on roads that are in poor condition.

The American Automobile Association has gone as far as contending we are driving into a "highway crisis."

"More than a third of major U.S. roads are in poor to mediocre condition, and the number of people killed on our highways is rising," said AAA president Robert L. Darbelnet in a speech to a National Governors' Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

To understand why things are deteriorating, consider this gap: Since 1960, vehicle miles traveled have jumped 234 percent; fuel taxes collected from motorists have leaped 55 percent; but investment in our highway system has plummeted 50 percent," Darbelnet said.

He said motorists pay \$30 billion a year in federal gas taxes.

Darbelnet said the unspent gas tax dollars shift expenses to other portions of the economy, such as insurance, health care and transportation. Damage to roads and bridges will be more expensive to repair a time passes, he said.

"In addition to improving roads and saving lives, spending the trust fund as it was intended will produce two beneficial side effects," he said. "American motorists will get what they are paying for — that's what they want. And Congress and the administration will protect one of their greatest assets — the trust of the

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Egg-citing times: Bissell House to host egg hunt, classes

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

Barnes Bradshaw remembers his childhood Easter as smashing good times. Part of the family fun was creating cascarones, which are egg shells stuffed with confetti and glitter fated to be smashed on the heads of friends and foes alike.

"We started about the beginning of the year, cutting paper and saving eggs," recalled Bradshaw, of Affton, director

of the Bissell House Museum. "Every year at Easter there would be about 75 people running around and smashing these eggs on each other's heads."

Bradshaw revived the tradition, which his mother had learned as a child in San Antonio, at the Bissell House Museum.

A group of adults and children Saturday decorated both cascarones and bisque eggs. The home, 10225 Bellefontaine Road, also will host an

Easter Egg Hunt from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 11. The cost is \$3 per child. The hunt is divided into three age groups. Bradshaw said each child should receive about 10 eggs filled with goodies.

Peggy Gschaar, a part-time tour guide at Bissell, conducted the egg decorating class. She said cascarones are easily made at home as well.

The first step in making cascarones is to remove the egg from the shell, said Gschaar, of Riverview. To do so, make

a small hole in the bottom of the egg then whip the egg with a toothpick until it drains through the opening. Rinse the shells and allow to dry. Dye the eggs.

Fill the colored eggs with glitter and confetti then glue a piece of paper over the hole and decorate the eggs using paint or markers.

If the eggs are keepers, not smashers, Gschaar suggested spraying the eggs with an acrylic sealant.

The egg decorating class is

one of several courses Gschaar is conducting at the Bissell House through September. The classes focus on a variety of traditional crafts including the orem or stencil painting and quilting. For more information about the classes, call Gschaar at 865-0572.

Gschaar became Bissell's tour guide in October and calls the position her "dream job."

Bradshaw said Gschaar, a lifelong North Country and mother of three, has brought a new perspective to the historic

home.

"There's a lot of ways to learn history," Bradshaw said. "Peggy can give them a piece of history to take home with them."

The classes are taught in the wing of the home built in 1890. Gschaar and Bradshaw have renamed the wing the Sebor Gallery in honor of Daniel Bissell's wife, Debra Sebor.

"Up until now, (the home) was strictly looked at as the home of a military man," Bradshaw said.

Car show brings out area's finest

By Scott Hickey
Staff writer

Polish up the chrome and gas up the jalopy for the 37th annual Easter Concours d'Elegance car show in Forest Park Easter Sunday.

Nearly 500 classic cars are expected to make the cruise to the upper Muny parking area next weekend, said Gerald Perschbacher, president of the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, the show's sponsor.

A gaggle of car lovers, more than 10,000, flocked to the show last year for a look back at the storied past of the automobile in American culture.

Perschbacher said he expects another large crowd again this year.

"Old cars are fascinating," he said. "They are a monumental reflection of America's past, preserved in metal and cloth."

"Because cars usually changed in styling from year to year, they are also a nostalgic reminder of our nation's history."

Visitors to the Easter Concours d'Elegance can expect to see a variety of vehicles, including a 1915 Model T Ford, 1931 Pierce-Arrow Club Sedan, a 1970 Chevelle SS Coupe and 1972 AMC Gremlin.

Various car clubs, including the Mississippi Valley Packards, the Buick Club, the Porsche Club, the Corvette Club and the Camaro Club, will have special displays at the car show.

The Easter show was Perschbacher's inspiration to join an antique car club, he said. "The great cars, the wonderful people and the memorable fun times have been a cherished part of my life, and that of my family's," Perschbacher said.

"It has made our lives richer for the experience."

The Easter show has special significance for Perschbacher and his wife, Sharon. "My first car was a 1956 Chevrolet two-door, model 210," he said.

"On the first date I had with my future wife, I took that car to the Easter Concours d'Elegance."

With a membership of 200 families, it takes all the people power the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri can muster to run the Easter car show, Perschbacher said.

"We have about 500 volunteers from the Horseless Carriage Club working the whole day to make sure things run smoothly," he said.

"Everybody works really hard to make sure the show is a success."

The show is a wholesome family affair, Perschbacher said. "It's a great way for families getting together for the Easter holiday to spend their day," he said.

"It's fun to teach the young ones about the old cars, and fun for the older people to reminisce about the cars from their era."

This year's show will include a salute to Dan Els, a South County resident, who recently passed away.

Els used to work as a mechanic on Model T Fords when they rolled off Henry Ford's assembly line brand new.

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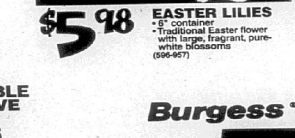
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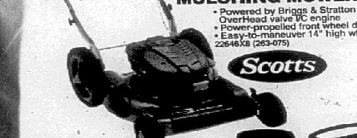
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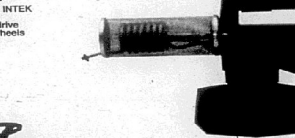
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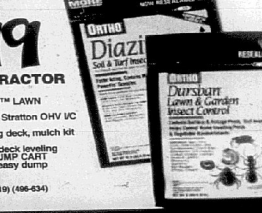
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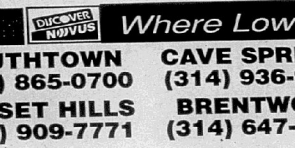
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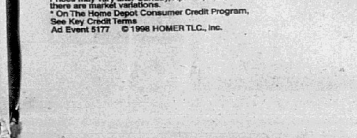
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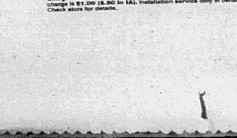
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